

# Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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## A Note from your Newsletter Co-Chairs:

It's your AESC Newsletter Co-Chair's, Jessica Gregris and Michelle Funkhouser. There were no shortage of events going on in April. It can be challenging fitting lots of photos into an issue, and still be able to email it to everyone. With a little extra effort we are able to pull it off! Please keep sending your amazing stories and pictures even if you aren't local.

Please send submissions and comments to [newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com).

Dearest AESC Members,

I am writing this late...as Jessica is most likely pulling her hair out so she can publish the Castle Gram. Maybe as a farewell gift I will write my June article early!!!

We've had such a busy month... just on Sunday April 29th we celebrated our Annual AEMA Awards.

Our luncheon was held at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club in the Valley Forge room overlooking the Potomac. Two of our recipients were in attendance, Camila Cardwell of Alexandria Virginia, and Hunter Wacik of Bath Pennsylvania. Our AEMA Awards Team Kara Anderson and Marguerite Theisen, along with her Awards Committee, did an outstanding job of organizing, scoring, putting the packets together, bringing them forward to the board for a vote, and organizing the entire event!!! They deserve big KUDOS!!! Our guest speaker was Major General Michael C. Wehr and Command Sergeant Major Bradley J. Houston was our guest of honor. It was truly a wonderful event. Pictures are on Facebook and here in the Castle Gram. All of our recipients can be seen here and on our website.

The year is coming to a close faster than anticipated by me. This month (May) we hold our annual elections. See the article in this Castle Gram to explain the procedures and the voting process by our wonderful Parliamentarian, Roz Riley. Bette Meuleners did a super job of procuring nominations and all have accepted.



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

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Elected Officers

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

Appointed Board Members

Circulation	Sheila Kelly
Corresp. Sec.	Laurel-Lee States
Fairfax Liaison	Kay Burlin
Historian	Lisa Stevenson
Hospitality	Terri Stevens
Knollwood	Priscilla Noah
Bake Sale	
Knollwood	Ann Kem
Liaison	
Membership	Jackie Caldwell
Newsletter	Michelle Funkhouser & Jessica Gregris
Nominations	Bette Meuleners
Parliament.	Roz Riley
Publicity/FB	Louis Cook
Reservations	Lynne Jackson
Scholarship	Marguerite Theisen
Ways & Means	Kendra Lewis
Webmaster	Laura Putnam
Wel./Service	Vanessa Joly

Honorary Advisors

Hon. Pres.	Connie Semonite
Hon. VP	Kim Houston
AEMA Adv.	Bobby Buxbaum
SES Sp. Adv.	Jackie Caldwell

*AESC Members continued.*

Priscilla Noah offered to hold the May Board meeting at her lovely home and we graciously accepted! I want to personally thank Priscilla for her generosity each year as she hosts one or more of our meetings at her home.

After Elections we will wrap up the year with a joint board meeting at the Chief of Engineers home on historic Fort McNair in June. Connie Semonite has graciously offered her home once again for us to conduct our final board meeting of the year and wrap it up in style. Thank you so much!!

I am looking forward to May being filled with spring flowers...as April was cold and filled with showers. I am excited to see our AESC family in the pages of the Castle Gram. Enjoy!

Fondly,

Launa  
President, AESC



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

# AESC Ballot

To all members of the AESC:

The nominations process for positions on the Elected Executive Board for 2018-2019 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, 13 May to Saturday, 19 May 2018.
- a *consensus* vote. **Only NAY responses need reply.**
- Email *only* to Roz Riley (parliamentarian) at [vote@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:vote@armyengineerspouses.com).
- In emails use subject line:  
AESC: Ballot-Voting - Executive Board 2018-2019
- OR you may mail in your ballot. \*

I vote **AYE** in favor of the nominees for the AESC 2018-2019 Board:

**President—Christy Cramer Preston**  
**Vice-President—Lois Cook**  
**Secretary— Tricia Murphy**  
**Treasurer— Kimberly Oborski**  
**AEMA Chairperson—Kara Anderson**

I vote **NAY** in favor of the nominees for the AESC 2018-2019 Board:

**President—Christy Cramer Preston**  
**Vice-President—Lois Cook**  
**Secretary— Tricia Murphy**  
**Treasurer— Kimberly Oborski**  
**AEMA Chairperson—Kara Anderson**

Thank you for your participation in this process.

Announcement of the voting results and complete 2018-2019 AESC Board will be sent via email and published in the next Castle Gram.

Instructions for MAIL IN ballots:

- Only NAY votes need to be mailed. Place the ballot in an envelope with your name and return address on the upper left.
- Cast your vote on this form.
- Your name must appear on the envelope to identify AESC membership.
- Mail in ballots must be postmarked by 19 May 2018. Ballots postmarked after then will not be counted.

- Mail to: AESC Ballot  
Executive Board 2018-2019  
c/o 8047 Fairfax Road  
Alexandria, VA 22308-1408

# Engineer Trivia

## Answers to the MOS Designation Trivia:

### Match the Engineer Position to its Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Designation

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

*Did you match correctly?* Even if you didn't get them all right you should have realized there was at least one extra MOS Designation that didn't have a matching Engineer Position. It was 12N which is a Horizontal Construction Engineer.



### ***New Trivia Question:***

***What was adopted shortly after the Civil War to commemorate the consolidation of the Corps of Topographic Engineers and the regular Corps of Engineers?***

*The answer can be found in this edition of the Castle Gram, but look for our next edition to get the answer and where it was hidden.*

# Past AESC Events

## Cherry Blossoms at their Peak Bloom!

On Friday, April 6th a few of our AESC members met at Fort McNair for an impromptu walk around the tidal basin to view the beautiful blooming cherry blossom trees. Although the day was overcast it was still an incredible view. Thank you for these lovely pictures from Sigrun Watson and Terri Stevens.



# Past AESC Events



## Army Engineer Memorial Awards Luncheon

Sunday, April 29th, 2018  
11:15 AM

Fort Belvoir Officers' Club  
Valley Forge Room

This was another successful year for the AEMA committee. The AESC received 20 applications in our 55<sup>th</sup> year of awarding deserving seniors. Weighted scoring was placed on grade point averages, national testing, leadership roles, extra-curricular activities, sports, awards and employment. No points were given for sponsor's rank, position, time in service, etc. The number of moves during high school was taken into consideration.

The 2018 AEMA Luncheon held on 29 April was the culmination of our year! This year's celebration was held at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club as The Fairfax is currently undergoing renovations. The food was delicious and the atmosphere made for a

wonderful day. There were 37 attendees including two award winners and their families, Hunter Wacik and Camila Cardwell. We missed the Semonites as they were welcoming their sixth grandchild. Major General Michael Wehr stepped in with inspiring remarks shining a light on the awardees. Major General Donald (Ed) Jackson provided a perfect blessing for the event. Please take a moment to learn more about each of the awardees, and view pictures from the luncheon.

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### Paul Anderson

**Award Amount:** \$2,000

Son of MAJ Chuck and Karen Anderson  
XO, Camp Shelby, MS

**High School:** Oak Grove High School, Hattiesburg, MS  
**College:** US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY **Major:** Mechanical Engineering

**Achievements:** Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track, Varsity Cross-Country, National Honor Society President, National Beta Club President, Founder and President of Oak Grove Ping Pong Club, Spanish Club Vice President, Class Representative, Oak Grove Special Honors Graduate, Boys' State Senator, Volunteer for U6 and U8 Soccer teams, Volunteer tutor for children with disabilities.

**Aspirations:** Travel the world while engineering on ships and serving my country.



# Past AESC Events

## *AEMA Awardees Cont.*

### **Olivia Voelkel**

**Award Amount:** \$1,500

Daughter of LTC (RET) Scott and LTC (RET) Donna Voelkel  
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

**High School:** Lake Braddock Secondary School, Burke, VA

**College:** Boston University

**Major:** Violin Performance

**Achievements:** Student Athlete Award, Tri-M Music Honor Society Leader, A/B Honor Role, Varsity Letters for Track and Cross Country, Sr District Orchestra, Sr Regional Orchestra, All – VA Orchestra.

**Aspirations:** Army Orchestra Violinist




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### **Kimberly Graham**

**Award Amount:** \$1,250

Daughter of BG William and Janet Graham  
Commander, North Atlantic Division, USACE

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

**College:** Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

**Major:** Engineering”

**Achievements:** National Honor Society, Varsity Soccer, German Club, Key Club, Four Year Honor Role, National Junior Honor Society, Youth Soccer Camp Counselor, Volunteer.

**Aspirations:** I aspire to attend college to expand my knowledge and then to use that knowledge to help society.




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### **Sarah Ebner**

**Award Amount:** \$875

Daughter of Mr. Marty and Laurie Ebner  
USACE – Portland District, Hydraulic Engineer

**High School:** La Salle Catholic College Preparatory, Milwaukie, OR

**College:** University of Portland

**Major:** Civil Engineering

**Achievements:** Member of National Honor Societies, Speech and Debate competitor, Softball player

**Aspirations:** To become an engineer.



# Past AESC Events

## *AEMA Awardees Cont.*

### **Hunter Wacik**

**Award Amount:** \$875

Son of Mr. Greg and Jodi Wacik  
Ecologist, USACE

**High School:** Northampton Area HS, Northampton, PA

**College:** Grove City College

**Major:** Biology/Health

**Achievements:** Two time Varsity Letter Winner for Northampton Football, 2017 Derkits Memorial Scholarship Recipient, 2017 Konkrete Kid Award Recipient, 2017 National Football Foundation Northampton Football Scholar-Athlete, 2017 Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Scholar Athlete Northampton Football, 2018 Northampton Exchange Club March Boy of the Month, 2017 Northampton County Envirothon Highest Aquatics Score, Eastern Pennsylvania Officials Association Scholar-Athlete Award Recipient



**Aspirations:** I plan to pursue my Master's Degree in order to become a physician's assistant with a focus in sports medicine.

### **Sarah Conner**

**Geraldine M. Morris Memorial Award Amount:** \$1,000 (4 year renewable eligible)

Daughter of Kevin and Andrea Conner  
Chief of Water Resources Section, Wilmington District

**High School:** North Brunswick High School, Leland, NC

**College:** University of North Carolina, Wilmington

**Major:** Nursing

**Achievements:** National Honor Society, Student Mentor, Theater Productions, Volunteer



## *Thank you from AEMA!*

*The AEMA Committee would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. We would especially like to thank Bobby Buxbaum for being our advisor this year; your support has been invaluable. Also, we'd like to thank Connie Semonite, Roz Riley, and Laura Putnam – our veterans of this job- for answering all questions we had and giving guidance on best practices. The people who score our essays aren't part of AESC, but obviously they do us a great service in volunteering to help. Lastly, we would like to thank Vanessa Joly and Deborah Wehr for their assistance in scoring the applications, and making it an enjoyable evening. The many helping hands drive home what a wonderful family the Engineers are.*

*The Memorial Awards could not exist without the continuing support of the Engineer Regiment. We are extremely grateful for the people who donate, whether one time or many. Your selflessness makes a difference to these children of Engineers who receive an extra boost, enabling them to excel at the next level of education.*

**ESSAYONS!**



# Past AESC Events

## AEMA Luncheon



AESC Board Members along with some of the luncheon attendees



AESC President, Launa Klimowicz-Brown



LTG (Ret.) Max Noah and his lovely wife Priscilla



MG Anthony & Michelle Funkhouser, MG Ed & Lynne Jackson, MG Michael & Debra Wehr

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CSM Bradley & Kim Houston

# Past AESC Events

## AEMA Luncheon Cont.



Allison Chamberlayne and Roz Riley



Lorraine Klimowicz and COL (Ret.) Don Swygert



Kay Burlin and COL (Ret.) Robert Wallace



Katie and Bobby Buxbaum



Kay Burlin, MG Michael Wehr, Launa Klimowicz-Brown, Camila Cardwell (awardee), LTG (Ret.) Max Noah, and Hunter Wacik (awardee)  
AESC Castle Gram

# Items of Interest

## Dollars & Sense

Please ensure any requests for reimbursement for this past year are submitted to [controller@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:controller@armyengineerspouses.com) by June 1st.

Additionally, any recommendations or proposed changes to next year's budget should be submitted to the same email address by June 15th in anticipation of the Financial Committee's meeting later that month. The committee will finalize the proposed budget for the next year which will be voted on by the new board.



## Announcing a New AESC Coffee Group!

Have you ever missed out on one of the fantastic AESC Programs due to work or childcare issues? Do you miss the traditional Battalion Coffee Group? Well, next club year, we will have the solution! AESC is bringing back the evening coffee group!

Each month, an AESC member will host a traditional coffee in their home somewhere in the National Capital Region. The first get together will be on September 19, 2018 at 7:30pm in the home of Allison Chamberlayne in the Falls Church/McLean area. Details will be sent out via evite as we get closer to the date. So, for now, save the date and tell a friend!



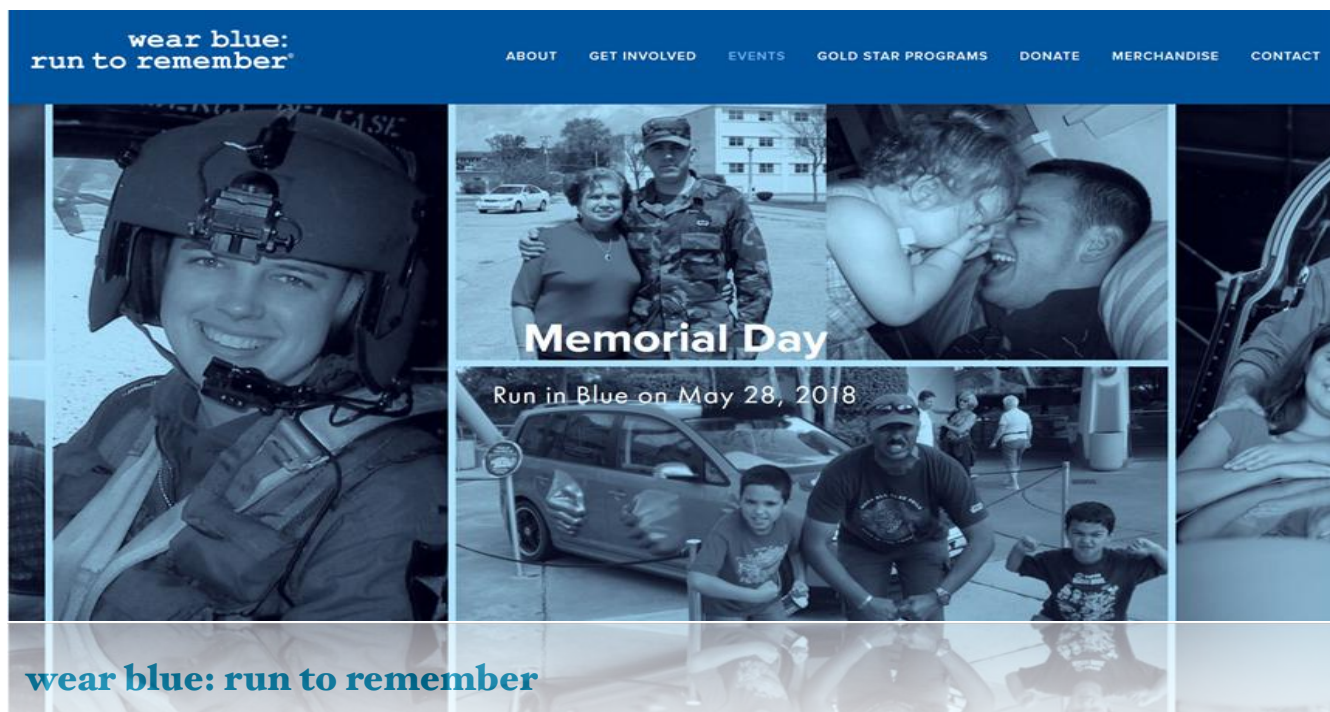
At our first coffee, we will set some ground rules. We want to make this easy for our hostesses, so we will decide on the format and frequency (pot luck vs hostess provided, just dessert or full court press, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday or 1<sup>st</sup> Monday?...) Again, we want this easy to accomplish on a busy weeknight. The focus for this group is purely social.

## ThanksUSA Scholarship Opportunity

ThanksUSA has established a [scholarship program](#) to assist dependent children and spouses of U.S. military service personnel (who have served at least 180 days after 09/11/01), including spouses and children of the Fallen and Wounded, who plan to continue their education in college, vocational or technical school programs. Scholarships are offered to dependent children for full-time study at a United States accredited institution of the student's choice. The application and review guidelines for the scholarship are available at <https://www.scholarsapply.org/thanksusa/>. Questions concerning the scholarship may be directed to [ThanksUSA@ScholarshipAmerica.org](mailto:ThanksUSA@ScholarshipAmerica.org) or 1-507-931-8209.



## Items of Interest Cont.



### wear blue: run to remember

With Memorial Day coming up it seems appropriate to revisit an organization briefly mentioned in a previous Castle Gram this year. *wear blue: run to remember* is a national nonprofit running community that honors the service and sacrifice of the American military. *wear blue: run to remember* creates a support network for military members and their families; it bridges the gap between military and civilian communities and it creates a living memorial for our country's fallen military members. *wear blue: run to remember* **exists for the fallen, for the fighting and for the families.**

*wear blue: run to remember* has active Anchor Communities at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA, Springfield, VA/Washington, D.C., and Fort Bragg, NC, Augusta, GA and San Antonio, TX. Additionally, there are dozens of Saturday Run Communities around the country. *wear blue* is an all-inclusive community in which participants are never asked to raise money to run.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2018 *wear blue: run to remember* produces a national memorial event. Partnering with local non-profits, *wear blue* encourages runners and walkers across the nation to commit to run or walk miles in honor of each service member killed in the Global War on Terror. *wear blue* asks the nation to challenge themselves physically and mentally by choosing a distance that is greater than their average training, whether it be 1 mile or 100, in order to ground the day in its true meaning of honor and remembrance.

Runners can join their local chapters, organize a meet-up, or run individually. By the close of Memorial Day, runners and walkers across the nation will have shared in a national effort to run in honor of every member of the American Military who laid down his or her life for this country. Local chapters will create community wide events, which feature marked running routes, a shared meal, and American flags placed into the ground as a visual reminder of the lives sacrificed. *wear blue: run to remember* provides the names of fallen service members to athletes to honor with their steps. Go to <http://www.wearblueruntoremember.org/memorial-day/> and pledge your run/walk commitment to show your gratitude and remembrance for the courage, heroism and sacrifice of the men and women who have given all.

# 150th Engineer Castle Ball

The Army Engineer Association will hold its annual Engineer Castle Ball on Friday, 3 August 2018 at the Crystal City Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington, VA. The Army Engineer Association will have a “register online” link which will become active sometime in May. Please direct any questions to Ms Linda Mitchell [execasst@armyengineer.com](mailto:execasst@armyengineer.com).



## AESC Save the Date

### May 2

AESC Board Meeting  
Noah's Home  
Alexandria, VA

### May (TBD)

Lunch w/Kay Burlin  
The Fairfax, VA

### May 22

Fisher House Meal  
Fort Belvoir, VA

### June 6

AESC Board Meeting  
Quarters 7  
Washington, DC

### June (TBD)

Shopping Trip  
Washington, DC

### August 3

Engineer Castle Ball  
Arlington, VA



## AESC Board Meetings

Priscilla Noah graciously hosted the May AESC Board Meeting at her home. Her husband, Max, kept us powered up for the meeting with his amazing coffee, and attendees brought delicious treats to enjoy afterwards. Below are a few pictures from the meeting.



Kim Houston and Cathy Hanson



Jessica Gregris and Launa Klimowicz-Brown



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

**The next AESC Board Meeting will be on June 6, 6pm, at Quarters 7 on Fort McNair.**

## Membership

We actually reached **201** members for the club year, and can't wait to surpass that number next year! **Membership is now available for the next Club year which will run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.** Although we have not begun our new Club year you can join now to start enjoying your member benefits, and we will ensure your information gets included in the online version in the Members Only area of the AESC website.

For just \$25 Membership includes:

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

See the membership form included at the end of this edition of the Castle Gram for information on how to join online or by mail.

## Around Town



Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long military pageant featuring Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Experience a glimpse into American history through performances by The U.S. Army Blues; vocalists from The U.S. Army Chorus, The U.S. Army Band Downrange, and The U.S. Army Voices; The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps; and The U.S. Army Drill Team.

The 2018 Twilight Tattoo performance season begins April 25 and will run most Wednesdays through August 8. Pre-ceremony pageantry and music by The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" begins at 6:30 p.m. and the tattoo starts at 7:00 p.m. An afternoon Twilight Tattoo has been added: May 16 at 4:00 p.m.; music starts at 3:30 p.m.! Get there early to clear security and get a seat!

Performances are on Summerall Field on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia. Venue locations may change due to inclement weather; there is a contingency plan in place. Dates and times are subject to change. Please check the [Twilight Tattoo](https://www.usarmyband.com/concerts-events/twilight-tattoo.html) homepage, <https://www.usarmyband.com/concerts-events/twilight-tattoo.html>, prior to attending a specific performance. This performance is free and open to the public. Bleacher seating is on a first-come, first served basis.

# Observances & Birthdays

2018

MAY OBSERVANCES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1 Silver Star Service Banner Day	2 Life Insurance Day	3 Lumpy Rug Day	4 Star Wars Day	5 Cinco de Mayo
6 Nurses Day	7 Roast Leg of Lamb Day	8 Teacher Appreciation Day	9 Lost Sock Memorial Day	10 Clean Up Your Room Day	11 Military Spouse Appreciation Day	12 Miniature Golf Day
13 Mother's Day	14 Dance Like a Chicken Day	15 Chocolate Chip Day	16 Love a Tree Day	17 Cherry Cobbler Day	18 Pizza Party Day	19 Armed Forces Day
20 Pick Strawberries Day	21 Memo Day	22 Solitaire Day	23 Lucky Penny Day	24 Scavenger Hunt Day	25 Wine Day	26 Blueberry Cheesecake Day
27 Grape Popsicle Day	28 Memorial Day	29 Paperclip Day	30 Creativity Day	31 Macaroon Day	1	2
3	4	NOTES: Month observances include Military Appreciation Month, Motorcycle Awareness and Bike Month, Salad/Salsa/Strawberry/Hamburger/Chocolate Custard/Egg/Asparagus/Barbecue Month, Date Your Mate Month, Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month, Water Safety Month and more.				

May is named after the Greek goddess, Maia who is also identified Bona Tea (the Roman goddess of fertility). The birthstone for May is Emerald. People born in may are more likely to achieve higher success and more love in their life. Even though it's a mostly a relative fact, May people have a better grasp on these elements of life than people born in other months.

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

## Happy Birthday! To these great AESC Members...

Allison Chamberlayne 2-May  
 Lisa Stevenson 3-May  
 Basia Kent 6-May  
 Claire Strand 7-May  
 Katharine Candido 9-May  
 Lynda Flowers 13-May



Tricia Murphy 15-May  
 Carolyn Hudson 17-May  
 Kathleen Moakler 22-May  
 Bette Meuleners 28-May  
 Sherry Snider 31-May

# Volunteer Spotlight

AESC presents another great volunteer:

**Vanessa Joly**



Vanessa Joly doesn't remember how long she has been a member of AESC since she joined years ago at the advice of a friend, but she has been with us locally for the past three years. We have been fortunate to have Vanessa, and she has truly done an incredible job as our Welfare and Service Chair. She has kept the board and general membership informed of the many ways they can support our Engineer family, veterans, military families, local communities and more. She helps us all make a difference.

Vanessa couldn't think of a duty station she didn't like, and has always made an effort to get involved wherever they were at Fort Leonard Wood (twice); Fort Richardson, AK; Georgia Tech; West Point, NY; Fort Leavenworth, KS; Schofield Barracks, HI and here in the DC area (twice).

You might find Vanessa playing card and board games with Emma (15) or Gabe (11), and she is always up for a game of Words with Friends. If you didn't know this is an iPhone/Android word game that is along the lines of Scrabble but you don't play alone. You get friends to download and play or just play with random players.

Other random pieces of information include her enjoyment of running (she has even run a marathon), attended Judson College, met Sebastien while he was attending Marion Military Institute, and has a cat named Chako that is 18 years old.

Well, Vanessa's hometown is Excel, Alabama (near Monroeville which is the home of Harper Lee), you can catch her listening to Sweet Home Alabama... do you see a trend here?... and their next duty station will be in Mobile, Alabama where her husband, Sebastien will work in the Mobile District. They are excited to be back close to family and Alabama football! While those of us remaining here are sad that she is leaving we feel blessed to have had her touch our lives. Best wishes to you and your family!

Note: If you didn't immediately recognize the name Harper Lee, she is Nelle Harper Lee (pen name Harper Lee), the Pulitzer Prize winning author widely known for *To Kill a Mockingbird*, published in 1960.

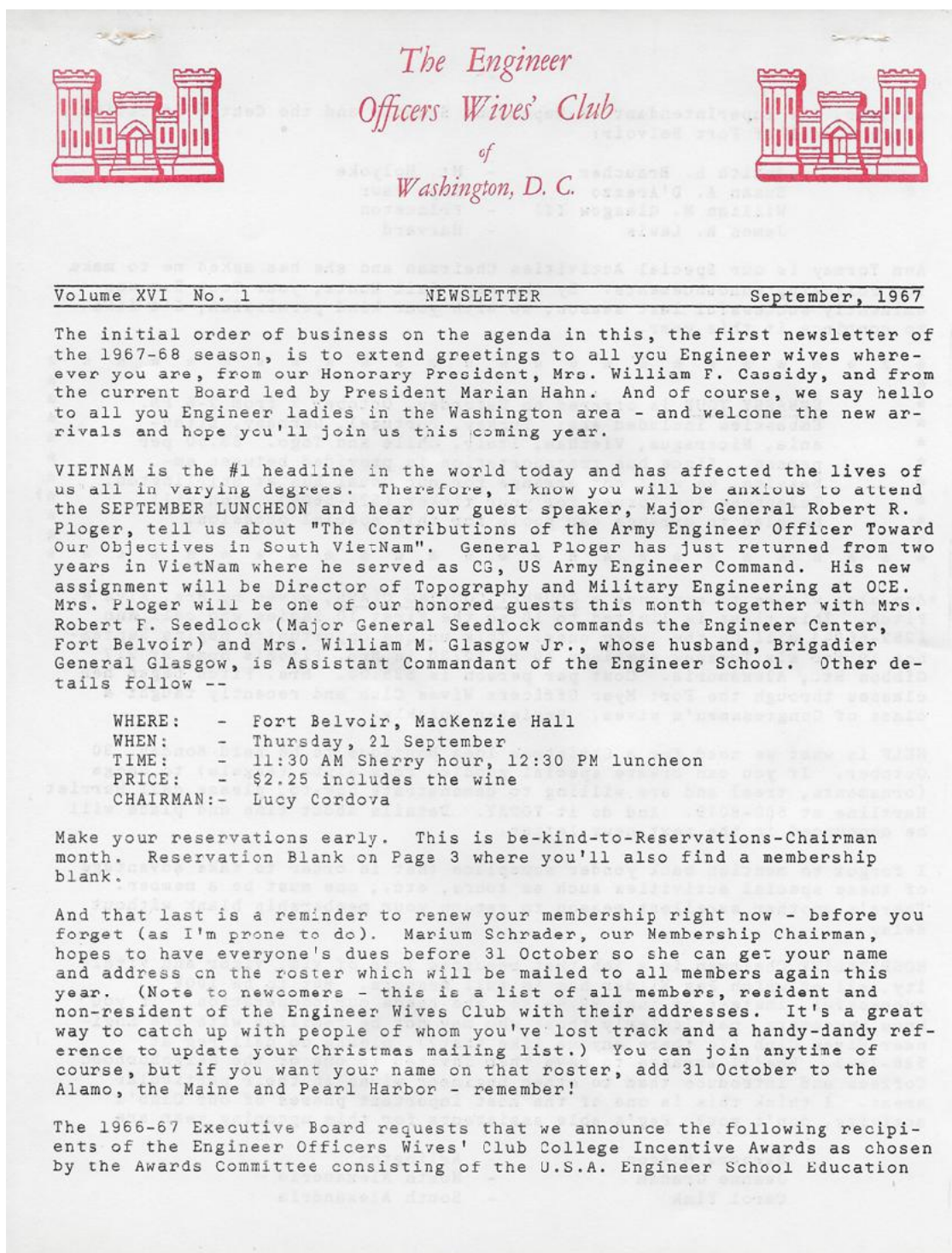




# AESC History

## AEOWC Newsletter, September, 1967:

This AEOWS Newsletter not only provides a glimpse of the club's history, but also what was capturing the attention of the country...Vietnam. On the lighter side, in looking through the scrapbook I learned dues for the year were only \$2, the AEOWC board in 1967-1968 was a very interesting group, and they really seemed to enjoy their sherry, a lot.



# AESC History

Newsletter Cont.

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Adviser, the Superintendent of Dependent Schools and the Center Education Adviser, all of Fort Belvoir:

Judith L. Braucher	- Mt. Holyoke
Susan A. D'Arezzo	- Bryn Mawr
William M. Glasgow III	- Princeton
James M. Lewis	- Harvard

Ann Tormey is our Special Activities Chairman and she has asked me to make the following announcements. By the way, Gail Muntz, your Tour Box was eminently successful last season, so with your kind permission, I'd like to continue it this year.

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\* EMBASSY TOUR is offered on Saturday, October 7 from 2-6 PM. \*

\* Embassies included are: Turkey, Portugal, Germany, Lithu- \*

\* ania, Nicaragua, VietNam, Italy, Chile and Togo. \$3.50 per \*

\* person. Since bus transportation is provided between em- \*

\* bassies, we will not arrange for our usual bus at Shirlington. \*

\* Telephone Ann Tormey for your ticket (525-6604). Ann will \*

\* be glad to arrange car pools for this special occasion. \*

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Ann also wishes to announce a GOURMET COOKING CLASS, given by Mrs. Alva R. Fitch. This class is limited to 10 so the first 10 ladies who call Ann (252-6604) will be the lucky ones. This unique opportunity begins September 19 for six Tuesday sessions 10 to 12:30 in Mrs. Fitch's home at 217 Gibbon St., Alexandria. Cost per person is \$35.00. Mrs. Fitch began her classes through the Fort Myer Officers Wives Club and recently taught a class of Congressmen's wives. Register quickly.

HELP is what we need for a Christmas Idea Boutique to be held Monday, 30 October. If you can create special goodies from alpha (angels) to omega (ornaments, tree) and are willing to demonstrate how-to, please call Harriet Hartline at 560-8079. And do it TODAY. Details about time and place will be announced in the next news letter.

I forgot to mention back yonder someplace that in order to take advantage of these special activities such as tours, etc., one must be a member. There's another excellent reason to return your membership blank without delay.

HOSPITALITY Chairman is a job that requires lots of vim, vigor and vitality, all of which Peg Wilder has in full measure. But to be 100% successful, instead of just 99.44 so, she needs our cooperation. If you know newcomers, particularly those who may not be familiar with the Engineer Wives Club (Is there anyone like that?), please do call Peg at 536-7943. She'll arrange to have them invited to one of the Neighborhood Coffees and introduce them to other Engineer wives in their particular areas. I think this is one of the most important phases of our Club's activity, don't you? Peg's able assistants for this upcoming year are

Barbara McAdoo	- Arlington
Jeanne Graham	- North Alexandria
Carol Fink	- South Alexandria

# AESC History

Newsletter Cont.

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Barbara Willard	- Springfield
Fran Chapman	- Fort Belvoir
	(Falls Church
	(Annandale
Lorraine Smith	- (Fairfax
	(Vienna
	(McLean

And now, one last plea for help. Everyone enjoys the chit-chat portion of the Newsletter and I hope to devote lots of space to it in the future issues. So please call me, El Denz, when you hear from friends in far-away places and share the news with us all. My telephone is 780-8217. Or if you are a non-resident member who is reading this, please write me -

Your Newsletter Editor

Eleonora M. Denz  
2000 Westfield Street  
Alexandria, Va., 22308

DEADLINE FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS IS NOON, MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER

RESERVATION BLANK - Luncheon, Thursday, 21 September

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HUSBAND'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\$2.25 per person (including sherry)  
Make checks payable to: THE ENGINEER OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Mail to:

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Mrs. Frank A. Camm  
2347 So. Meade St.  
Arlington, Virginia 22202  
684-8409

N thru Z  
Mrs. John J. Plunkett  
3302 Annandale Road  
Falls Church, Virginia 22042  
534-9474

MEMBERSHIP BLANK

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Rank \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CCDE \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Husband Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_

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(Resident dues-\$2.00; Non-resident dues-\$1.00)

Mail to: Mrs. Henry C. Schrader  
9134 Continental Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia

# AESC History

## **AEOWC Luncheon, September 21, 1967:**

This is a photo of the receiving line from the luncheon mentioned in the newsletter.



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MAJ GEN Robert F. Ploger, guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the D.C. Engineer Officers Wives Club held at Mackenzie Hall on September 21, joins the receiving line to greet luncheon guests. Mrs. Ploger (at his left) and Mrs. Robert P. Seedlock, wife of the Engineer Center's commanding general, MAJ GEN Seedlock, enjoy the affectionate greeting between Mrs. William M. Glasgow Jr. (in white hat) and an unidentified friend.

Photo By SSG Lloyd Perkins  
Post Photographic Facility  
Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060

# Welfare & Service



## AESC SPONSORED BAKE SALE AT KNOLLWOOD

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

During the year AESC collects money to support Knollwood. Monies are raised at the annual bake sale, allocated from proceeds received from the Lynch Creek Farm Fundraiser, and received from generous members of our club. This year we were able to present The Army Distaff Foundation, in support of the Knollwood Military Retirement Community, a check for \$817. We also held our monthly AESC Board Meeting at Knollwood.



# Welfare & Service

## PLEASE SUPPORT

Army Engineer Spouse Club

Group #999972278

We're partnering with **Yankee Candle Fundraising** to help achieve our goal this year. They are the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances, and décor items at a very wide range of prices. But the most important thing to know is that **40% of every sale goes to us!**

To help support us, click on the link below and order items online. Your purchases ship directly to your home and our group receives its 40% profit on each and every sale. **This promotion is good through July 11, 2018.**

### READY TO START SHOPPING NOW?

Click on the link below and you are on your way to helping our organization reach its fundraising goals:

[Army Engineer Spouses Club Shopping Page](#)

If this link fails to take you to the shopping site, don't worry. Simply type in **www.yankeecandlefundraising.com** and enter your **Group Number** in the "Start Shopping" box there. Then you can shop for the same Yankee Candle Fundraising items and your purchases will still benefit our organization.



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You can also enlist friends and family from out of town to help your organization reach its goals. Simply visit **www.yankeecandlefundraising.com** and click on the "Seller Login" button and fill out the "Sign up to be a seller" form; use your Group Number (above) to register. Their purchases will be delivered directly to them and your **organization earns additional profits!**

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# Welfare & Service

Thank you to Vanessa Joly for leading the way with providing meals to Fisher House and coordinating AESC involvement throughout the club year. This month will conclude the club year's support. I'm sure this and other new volunteer opportunities will begin with the appointment of the new Welfare and Service Chair. Keep checking your email for news from AESC Circulation, our Facebook site and right here in the Castle Gram.

## AESC Support to Fisher House

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



May 22

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

[service@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:service@armyengineerspouses.com)



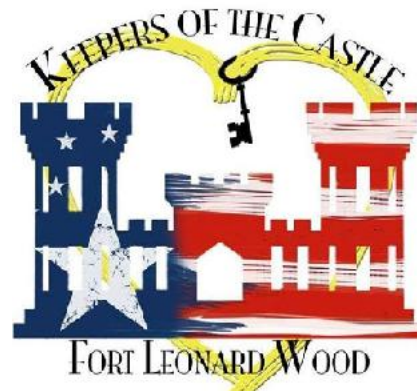

Don't forget! When shopping online use Amazon Smile! Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Army Engineer Memorial Award as your charity. It costs you nothing and a portion of your purchase goes to AEMA.

# *Keepers of the Castle*

## *Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri*

2018 Engineer Regimental Week was fantastic! It was a family reunion with many good friends from across the Corps traveling to Fort Leonard Wood to participate and many new friends made that week.

We started off strong (and cold) with Museum beautification and the planting of 100's of flowers and plants at the museum, Best Sapper Competition kick-off, Bunco at the Regimental Room for the Spouses, Engineer Spouses Day, Field Force Engineering Conference, Army Engineer Association vendor display (the future is HERE!), Sapper Finish Line, Senior Engineer Leader Conference (SELC), the Fallen Sapper Tribute, the Regimental Ball, and the Engineer Total Army Practical Exercise (ENTAPE).



The Best Sapper competitors were amazing! The competition kicked off with 40 teams competing 50+ miles and 50+ hours before finishing. 1st Place finishers were Capt. Rudy Chelednik and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Clark, 21st Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. This year they jumped out of a helicopter into the Lake of the Ozarks...in the DARK!

Spouse's day had over 85 participants from the Engineers, Military Police, Chemical Corps, Retirees and local community!! The competition included picket pounding, mechanical breaching, M4 paint ball, and rappelling and prizes for the top scorers. Congratulations to all of the enthusiastic spouses who attended. Check out the super cute t-shirt they got and get yours at the AEA Regimental Store!

We were very fortunate in that we did not have any Sappers fall in combat in 2017. We held a tribute at Sapper Grove for all of the Sappers that have given their lives in defense of our nation, throughout history. The weather was beautiful and we were all honored to have several Gold Star Families in attendance.

We wrapped up the week with the Regimental Ball where MG(R) Clair Gill received the Gold DeFleury award. Congratulations to MG Gill and his wife Sherry on this well-deserved honor.

~ Article and pictures courtesy of Kathleen Whittle



Keeper's of the Castle is an Engineer Spouses' Club located in Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. Connect with the Keeper's Of the Castle on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle](http://www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle) or via email [FLWKeepers@gmail.com](mailto:FLWKeepers@gmail.com).



# Keepers of the Castle Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

2018 Engineer Regimental Week Cont.



Museum beautification by Spouses and Soldiers



Ball flower setup



Chris Hill



More ball setup helpers



Connie Semonite and Kim Houston with MSCOE crew



LTG Robert Flowers (center right)

AESC Castle Gram



Best Sapper Winners

# *Army Engineer Spouses Group - Europe District*

## Europe District's Kastle Keepers



At the April coffee everyone was invited to share a special dish. Tributes were paid to family members and friends.

On Spouse Volunteer Appreciation Day the District Commander gave awards to the spouses who volunteer as sponsors to incoming families. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon.

Photo courtesy of the Europe District Public Affairs Office.



# Castle Boutique & Facebook

## Members Only Special! 10% off Artel Egg Pendants and Locket

Go to the AESC website to the Members Only page to get the Coupon Code, and order online your own Artel Egg Pendant and/or Locket at a reduced price.

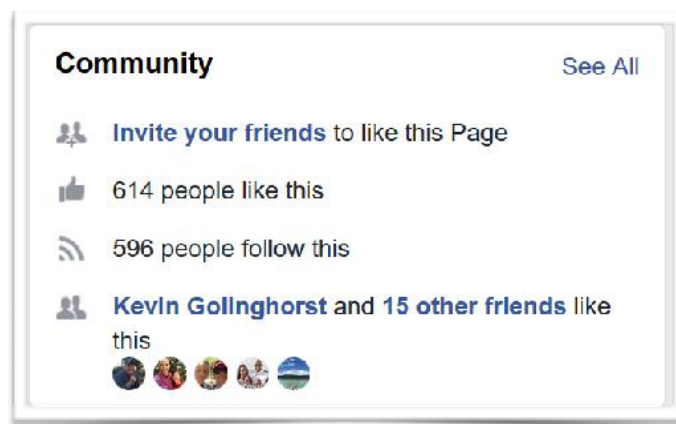
These are gorgeous Artel Faberge-style egg pendants fashioned from 925 sterling silver or 24kt vermeil. Each pendant is decorated with beautiful semiprecious stones and Swarovski crystals. Every Artel Egg Pendant and Locket is manufactured by immigrant Russian master jewelers who live and work in the U.S. A.



## Don't Miss Out! Follow us on Facebook!



Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/ArmyEngineerSpousesClub/>. We try to use the Facebook site so we don't flood your email so make sure you 'follow' us! Since last month we've only gained 4 new followers of our site. We need your help to spread the word to like and/or follow our site so we can reach our initial goal to get to 1,000!



# Membership

Join online at  
[www.armyengineerspouses.com/membership.html](http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/membership.html)

Questions?

Contact our  
 Membership Chair

Jackie Caldwell  
[membership@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:membership@armyengineerspouses.com)



## AESC 2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Last \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred contact phone:  
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E-mail:  
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Your Birthday (month/day only) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  New member  Returning member  Rejoining member

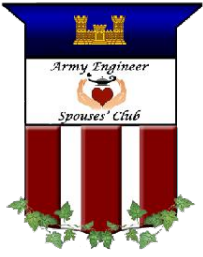
Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check one: Is Spouse:  Active  Retired  Reserve/National Guard  Deceased

Spouse's title/rank/job assignment or firm:  
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By sending this application, you agree to have the above information listed in the Castle Directory. Membership runs from July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019. Membership information received by Oct 31st, 2018 will be included in the 2018-2019 Castle Directory (hard copy). Thank you!

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