

Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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British defenses and the American and French siege works at Yorktown as documented by Col. Gouvion, Corps of Engineers, ten days after the surrender, October 29, 1781.

U.S. Army Engineers Helped Assure Victory at the Battle of Yorktown in 1781

On the afternoon of October 19, 1781, British troops marched onto the battlefield at Yorktown, Virginia, to lay down their arms before the assembled combined forces of America and France. This event capped a three-week siege in which engineers of the French and American Continental armies played a key role.

Although General George Washington's British opponent Lord Charles Cornwallis was far outnumbered, Washington and his French allies, the Count De Rochambeau in command of the Army and Admiral de Grasse in command of the Navy, decided to undertake a full-scale classical siege. The burden of planning and executing the siege fell on the shoulders of a relatively small group. There were thirteen engineer officers in the combined armies. The American forces also included three companies of Sappers and Miners totaling fifty men, assisted by another fifty Delaware recruits. Their principal job was to dig the trenches approaching the enemy lines in parallel, zigzag formation, and clear the way during a direct assault.

A highlight of the siege occurred during the construction of the second parallel. Two strong British positions, Redoubts Nine and Ten, impeded progress and had to be taken. American infantry led by a contingent of Sappers and Miners, all under command of Colonel Alexander Hamilton, successfully captured Redoubt Nine while the French took Redoubt Ten. In less than twelve hours both redoubts had been incorporated into the siege lines. The threat to Cornwallis's position was now so formidable that he attempted unsuccessfully to escape. Surrender was inevitable.

When it was over, Chief Engineer Louis Duportail was quick to point out and Washington wholeheartedly agreed that the officers of the Corps of Engineers had contributed significantly to the outcome. Speaking with great respect for Duportail, Washington declared "his plan and conduct of the late attacks in the successful siege of Yorktown afford brilliant proofs of his military genius, and set the seal of his reputation." Indeed the siege of Yorktown was the finest hour for American engineer officers and their troops of Sappers and Miners during the American Revolutionary War.

Capture of Redoubt Ten by joint action of the engineers and infantry, October 14, 1781, as depicted by twentieth-century artist H. Charles McBarron.



"Keeping our worldwide Engineer family connected - through the years and across the miles."



Kathy Moakler
President

The Gavel



...a note from our President

Dear AESC Friends:

One superb event in the past - the trip to the Old Post Office Clock Tower - was a great time for all. If you missed it, I hope you all put it on your bucket list for when you come to DC. While it may seem non-descript from ground level, as you can see from the magnificent photos, the view from the top is something to see. Those who had the opportunity to attend, I know had a wonderful time.

Here in DC we had busy times interspersed with times we could catch up. Congress can really set the tone for business and between their 5 week break during the summer and for the conventions, a two week time period to work and then hiatus until the elections, you can predict the traffic tie-ups.

Our annual fundraiser for the Army Engineer Memorial Award (AEMA) will be held on October 27. Always an extraordinary event, this year LTG and Mrs. Bostick will open their home to all Engineers and their spouses. We appreciate their hospitality. It's always a great time to catch up with old Engineer friends and meet new ones. Remember - previous members bring finger foods to share. We may have to collect recipes at the door or at least solicit them for the next issue of the Castle Gram - they are always so delicious. Thanks to all the members of the Board who are working hard to put this on. Please plan to attend and RSVP as soon as possible. Even if you can't attend, please donate to the AEMA fund to provide scholarships for our Engineer sons and daughters.

Thanks to our webmaster, Susan Wright, we have a new look to the website. Please visit it at <http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/dc-programs.html>. While it looks great already, it is a work in progress so we would love to hear your suggestions for the site. And don't forget to like and share and comment on our Facebook page. Social media is a great way to stay connected, and isn't this why we join - to connect with other Engineer spouses?

It's never too early to think about gifts (or planting hints for gifts) for the holiday season. Look at the wonderful array of gift ideas on the Castle Boutique section of the website for some super ideas.

Looking for volunteer opportunities - see the great experiences available in this Castle Gram and contact Barbara Fleming to sign up.

And, lastly, but with the most excitement, we announce the arrival of Alex Hamilton Putnam, son of AEMA Chairman Laura Putnam and her spouse Jayson. We look forward to meeting him at the next Board meeting.

Essayons

Kathy Moakler
AESC President

AESC MEMBERSHIP for 2012-2013

Thank you to all new and returning members who have joined or renewed. To be included in the 2012-2013 Red Book, please remember to send membership form by October 15. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Caldwell : jbc21047@aol.com (email) or 703-340-5505 (cell)



HEAR ALL ABOUT IT



CASTLE BOUTIQUE

FEATURE ITEM (AE7)

GOLD ENGINEER
ANGEL PIN
\$15.00



Upcoming Board Meeting

Wednesday, 3 October 2012
1100-1300

At the Home of Bette Meuleners
13196 Piedmont Vista Dr
Haymarket, VA 20169
703-754-0583

Members are welcome





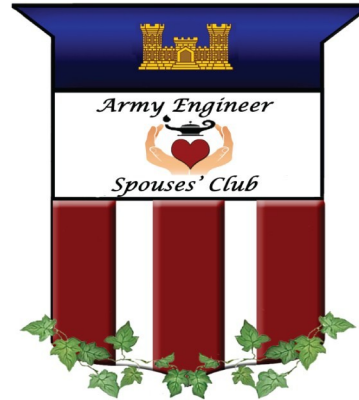
Anna Marie Cox
VP

UPCOMING EVENT

Reservation
Information

By 19 Oct

Jeanne Marie Rowan
(703) 426-2718
rowanpj@earthlink.net



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

Welcome Cocktail Party

*Saturday, October 27, 2012
5:00 to 7:00 PM
at the home of*

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

Coat and Tie

*Please RSVP by October 19th to:
Jeanne Marie Rowan 703-426-2718
rowanpj@earthlink.com*

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

PROGRAMS FOR 2012-2013

October 27 5:00pm-7:00pm RSVP by OCT 19	Welcome Cocktail Party (couples event) (guests encouraged) Suggested donation of \$20 (single) or \$35 (couple) goes to the AEMA Scholarship Fund Members please bring an appetizer or finger dessert!!
November 15 11:00am-2:00pm RSVP with payment by NOV 1 (\$60)	Brush n Blush Painting Class Lunch provided on premises
December 15 5:00pm-7:00pm RSVP with payment by OCT 15 (\$22)	Mount Vernon by Candlelight (couples event) Guided tour of the Mansion
January 12 7:00pm RSVP by January 5	Dinner at The Oval Room (couples event) 3 Course Prix Fixe menu—\$50 per person
February 16 7:00pm RSVP by February 8	Wine Tasting (couples event) Location TBD
March 14 th 10:00am RSVP with payment by March 4 (\$19)	Crime and Punishment Museum Lunch at Rosa Mexicano
April TBD 10:00am	Knollwood Bake Sale
April TBD Time TBD	AEMA Scholarship Brunch, The Fairfax
May 9 11:00am-1:00pm RSVP with payment by April 23 (\$33)	Tudor Place Victorian Tea and Tour Tea with finger sandwiches and dessert included

Please use the RSVP form included in this issue of the Castle Gram to make your reservations with payment.

*****Notice the deadlines above in red that are due before the next Castle Gram issue!!**



THE CAPITAL CONNECTION



ARMY TEN-MILER (1)

A Runner's History of the Army 10-Miler

An Air Force veteran and military family member, George Banker has been involved with the Army 10-Miler (ATM) since the mid 1980s. He has been involved with running and running clubs in some capacity for many years. Now he coordinates the many volunteers without whom the ATM could not "run".

He shared an informal history of the Army 10-Miler with Barbara Fleming, AESC Welfare Chair who is coordinating our volunteer effort for the ATM. George was most appreciative of our present and previous volunteer efforts saying

"In all the roles which you play along comes the opportunity to volunteer and to give up time which you don't have but you find it. Your time is precious and you try to make the best of it. You can understand why I am grateful for your support even though it's only for a few hours and your presence makes an impact and is felt. On the surface you may think it's not that much but in the grand scheme of things it's an impact as there are many moving parts.

There is a common thread which we all share, a commitment to support the military. To the general population it's not known what it's like to be a military spouse. If I sat down with each of you I know I would get a variety of stories and our emotions would go from tears to laughter and everything in between."

"It is my responsibility for the volunteers for the ATM is to have you to feel about the event the way that I do. If I get you excited then you are more than willing to come out even when it rains. I never take anything for granted and ask myself as to what can I do to keep the volunteers returning?"



Volunteers in action

Here are George's recollections:

The Army Ten-Miler is running this year for the 28th time with a registered base of 30,000 runners and no one thought that back in 1985 with 1,379 finishers that in 2011 there would be 22,074 finishers. Just a few numbers: in 1987 there were 2,572 finishers with 428 females (17%) and last year of the finishers there were 9,697 females (44%). The race started to grow on its own but one thing which stands out is the organization and the commitment to provide the best possible running event and one that the participants want to return to with a friend.

The race has always started and finished at the Pentagon and if that is ever removed then the race will lose its identity. This would be like taking the Marine Corps Memorial away from the Marine Corps Marathon. The race was conducted by Headquarters Recreation out of the Pentagon and later the operation was transferred to the Military District of Washington. The race is an MWR event and the funds benefit soldiers and soldier's programs. I have seen the fast and the slow runners. On October 11, 1987 I was to complete the race in 1 hour 2 minutes 10 seconds. This time has been my best since I started running in 1982.

One cornerstone of the Army Ten-Miler is the competition between Army military installations from around the world as they train to capture the Commander's Cup which started in 1987 and was won by the Military District of Washington. The teams were all men. In 1997 the competition was expanded to include a Commander's Cup for the women and Fort Bragg led the charge and they have captured the title eight times and even set the fastest women team time.

The race has been cancelled once: in 2001, it was scheduled for Sunday, October 14, 2001. At the time it was the appropriate action to take. This was the turning point in the running industry and the country as safety and security took center stage. On Sunday, October 21, 2005 there was a suspicious package that was discovered under the 14th Street Bridge and runners were denied access to the northbound lanes of I-395. The runners were redirected back to the Pentagon and the distance turned out to be the longest Army Ten-Miler of 11.2 miles.

A turning point for the race was on October 13, 1996 as the Army's finest captured both male and female titles as Michael Bernstein (Killeen, TX) and Chris Udovich (Ft. Lewis, WA). Since that year a variety of international athletes have won top titles from Ethiopia, Russia, New Zealand, and Brazil. There has been only one four-time winner, Alisa Harvey of Manassas, VA, a mother of two. Harvey's last win was in 2006 at the age of 40 with a time of 59 minutes. To hear more of George's running memories visit

<http://www.armywifenet.com/?p=5284>

<http://www.runwithmeworld.com>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8e58l3nM6c&feature=youtu.be&hd=1>

Thanks George for being an inspiration to the ATM volunteers!

ARMY TEN-MILER (2)



AEA Envelope Stuffing:

The AEA envelope stuffing will be 2, 4 & 5 October from 0900 to 1500. If you're interested in volunteering for this fun-filled event, please contact Barbara Fleming (703-408-4878 or flemingebm3@att.net). You can sign up for all three days, one day, or a portion of a day. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. The location is: Humphreys Engineer Support Center, 7701 Telegraph Rd. Alexandria, VA, Kingman Building, Board Room on the first floor. AESC receives a generous donation from AEA for our support of this event. We hope that you can join in and help out.

Army 10 Miler:

Volunteer opportunities are available for the Army 10 Miler. The volunteer dates are 19, 20 & 21 October. For anyone wishing to volunteer, go to the website (Armytenmiler.com) and register. Please be sure to note that you are volunteering with AESC. The success of the race depends on the volunteers.

Volunteers:

Barbara Fleming is compiling a volunteer list for anyone who would like to be called for any one time volunteer opportunities. Please send her an email at: flemingebm3@att.net if you would like to be contacted for any future events. Also, if you know of an event that would be of interest to our group in providing volunteer support, please contact Barbara.



Castle Boutique Sale at Corps HHQ for Leaders Emeritus Sep 12

Pictured: Sandy Morris & Kathy Candido

Photo taken by Isabel Stevens



Great Job Ladies
and
THANK YOU !!!



Birthdays.....

Ginni Guiton	Oct 02
Ginger Hopkins	Oct 05
Kris Watson	Oct 06
Joe Dombi	Oct 09
Martha Kem	Oct 09
Vickie Brown	Oct 13
Julie Reichling	Oct 13
Gene Villiva	Oct 13
Michelle Tyler	Oct 15
Lynn McCallister	Oct 17
Laura Putnam	Oct 18
Judy Castro	Oct 21
Diane Webster	Oct 23
Jan Van Epps	Oct 25
JoAnn Cheatham	Oct 29
Beate Touchette	Oct 31
Dee Lee	Oct 31

Leanne Ogden	Nov 04
Kristine Schuster	Nov 04
Pat O'Neill	Nov 18
Majorie Williams	Nov 18
Carolyn Wallace	Nov 21
Karina Hunter	Nov 22
Jacqui Ellis	Nov 23
Jacki Dixon	Nov 25
Norma Erwin	Nov 28
Nancy Temple	Nov 28



MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

WELCOME

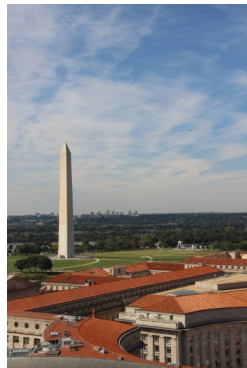
*Alex Hamilton Putnam
21 Sep 2012 @1856
10 lbs 2 oz, 22 inches*



*PROUD PARENTS:
Laura & Jayson Putnam*

CONGRATULATIONS !

OLD POST OFFICE TOUR



September Program: Old Post Office Tour, 20 Sep 2012
Gorgeous views from the top and delicious lunch at Elephant & Castle.
Attendees: Kris Watson (not pictured), Anna Marie Cox, Gene Villiva, Bette Meuleners, Carolyn Wallis, Janice Smith and her friend Nancy.

AEMA Contributions -- THANK YOU

A donation has been given in Memory of Helen Cassidy by Kay Burlin.

Acknowledgement has been sent to Helen's Daughter, Mary Cassidy

A donation has been given in Memory of Helen Cassidy by Nancy Graves:

Helen Cassidy was the wife of LTG Williams F. Cassidy, Chief of Engineers 1965-1969. It was she who suggested that the AESC sponsor a JANGO chapter, a volunteer group of teenagers who worked at the National Orthopedic Rehabilitation Hospital as volunteers. Helen died July 16, 2012 in Longwood FL. She was 97 years old. She was a lovely lady.

With Fond Memories,
Nancy Graves



SHARING



**Our Webmaster, Susan Wright, has done her magic!
Check out our remodeled AESC website at
<http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/>**



“Like” our new public Facebook page!

Facebook Editor: Elizabeth Hill

We will post events, photos, and scholarship information on the page. It is a great way to let more people know about AESC as well as keep members in touch.

RESERVATION FORM

2012-2013 Army Engineer Spouses' Club Reservation Form

October 27 - Welcome Cocktail Party
5pm-7pm at the home of LTG & Mrs. Bostick, Quarters 7, Ft McNair
RSVP by October 19th Voluntary donations of \$20 per person/\$35 per couple will be accepted and will go into our Army Engineer Memorial Awards fund.
Members are asked to bring a bite-sized appetizer or dessert to share.
Name(s) attending: _____

November 15 - Brush n Blush Painting Class
11am-2pm Create your own 11x14 canvas masterpiece (Starry DC). See painting on our website.
RSVP by November 1 with payment of \$60 per person. Lunch is included.
Name(s) attending: _____

December 15 - Christmas at Mount Vernon
5:00pm-7:00pm Guided tour of the mansion by candlelight.
RSVP by October 13 with payment of \$22 per person. No refunds.
Name(s) attending: _____

January 12 - Dinner at the Oval Room, Washington DC
7:00 pm Prix Fixe dinner at one of the most popular restaurants in DC!
RSVP by January 4. \$50 per person.
Name(s) attending: _____

February 16 - Wine Tasting
Details to follow...
RSVP by February 8.
Name(s) attending: _____

March 14-Crime and Punishment Museum
10:00am-Join us as we enjoy the Top Detective Challenge at this popular museum.
RSVP by March 4 with payment of \$19 each. Lunch afterwards at Rosa Mexicano (bring \$\$)
Name(s) attending: _____

April-AEMA Scholarship Brunch
Date and Time TBD Join us for Champagne Brunch as we award our scholarship winners!
Name(s) attending: _____

May 9-Tudor Place Victorian Tea and Tour
11:00am-1pm We will enjoy a tour of this Mansion and enjoy tea, sandwiches and dessert!
RSVP by April 23 with payment of \$33 each.
Name(s) attending: _____

Total \$\$ enclosed: _____

Check our website for more information on each program (details, maps, websites, etc) Mail this form and your check to:
AESC Reservations * P.O. Box 6332 * Alexandria, VA 22306

AESC 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomes membership from spouses of all U.S. Army Engineers and all civilian employees of USACE and, with approval of the Executive Board, other persons who are associated with the Corps of Engineers.

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

Last _____ First _____

Nickname _____ If you are in the military, list your rank & job title

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail _____

The Castle Gram (in color) is sent to you via email. If you do not have email, a black and white copy will be sent to your home address.

Your Birthday (month/day only) _____

Preferred method of contact:

- E-mail Home phone Cell phone Do not contact me

Check one:

New member - I was invited by _____

Returning member

Eligibility Information:

Spouse's Name _____

Check one: Is Spouse: Active Retired Deceased

Spouse's title/rank/job assignment

If retired, use current firm, if any. If active duty, use official abbreviation.

By sending this application, you agree to have the above information placed in the Castle Directory. Membership runs from July 1, 2012 until June 30, 2013. Membership information received by Oct 15, 2012 will be included in the 2012-2013 Castle Directory. After that date, new member names will be published in the Castle Gram and information will be emailed to members to update their Red Book. Thank you.

Annual dues + 1 copy of the Castle Directory \$25 _____
Additional Castle Directory(ies) : Each \$5 _____
Total: _____

Please make check payable to AESC and mail to: AESC MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 6332
Alexandria, VA 22306-6332

You may also print the membership application online at
www.armyengineerspouses.com.

Jackie Caldwell
Membership
Chairman

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