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Memorial Day: A time to reflect, remember

Chaplain (Maj.) David R. Kirk
Memorial Chapel Staff

This year's observance of Memorial Day is Monday, May 26. When I was growing up, it was always held on May 30. It meant stores were closed (if the date fell on a Monday-Saturday as all stores were closed on Sundays), parents had the day off of work, we did not have school (as schools were in session until mid-June then) and the club swimming pool opened. It was a time for parades, picnics and the first of the city's three large fireworks displays (the others being Fourth of July and Labor Day). A number of people in our society, especially

"outside the fence," still look upon this day as the unofficial beginning of the "105 days of summer," a time to have a day off work, party or engage in other activities. That was my view as well as when I was young, but I now realizes that it misses the point of what this day is about. I am now among the majority who observe this day as it was originally intended,

There are many variations as to when and where the first Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was originally called, was started and held. It is not really important in the larger scheme of things as to who gets to claim the "bragging rights" of being first. It is important, however, that we all take the

time to pause and reflect on what this date meant to those first observers and to those who still observe as the founders did.

Memorial Day, not to be confused with Veterans Day, is set aside to specifically remember those brave men and women of our armed forces who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defending our country's rights. It originally started as observances of those who fought on both sides of our Civil War as remembrances were held in both the North and South. It was after World War I that it expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars and the observances became more commonplace across the country. These traditions continue today.

Many places hold special church and/or prayer services, and there are still parades. Many military posts have memorial programs, and people visit cemeteries and memorials to honor those who have died in military service. Furthermore, veteran's graves in cemeteries are adorned with flags.

Memorial Day has a special meaning to service members and their families. We are all familiar with the saying "Freedom is not free" as we have served beside those who have paid the ultimate price or know of others who have.

One way we all can ensure that the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten is to take part in "The National Moment of Remembrance." This simple but very solemn gesture encourages all Americans, whether they or their families have served or not, to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada has stated "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back into Memorial Day." How will you reflect and remember those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms, and what might you perhaps do differently this year?

Special photo presentation offers glimpse of Life at Lee

Patrick Buffett
Managing Editor

This edition of the *Traveller* includes a special collection of photos (Pages 15-23) taken on May 1 by the Fort Lee Garrison Public Affairs Office staff and a few contributors from the community.

The presentation is meant to show the many facets of "Life at Lee," the working title of the project. In all, more than 3,200 images were captured that day. The

activities depicted include marching troop formations, field training exercises, classroom training at the military schools here, office and customer service work across post, special events like the dedication of a Petroleum and Water Department training facility to a fallen Soldier, and much more.

Additional photos are available at www.ftleetraveller.com/lifeatlee/photos. As you view the collection, please keep in mind that it was not possible for the PA staff to capture

images of every training, administrative and tenant activity on the installation. Everyone in the community was asked to submit photos for the project.

Nonetheless, the collection shows the diversity of activities that occur at Fort Lee on a daily basis. It depicts dedicated civilians who teach and touch Soldier's lives. It spotlights great professionals like Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Murillo who reminded troops in a Tango Company, 266th Quartermaster Battalion formation that, "You are part of an organization that lives by high standards and discipline ... the best of the best. Let's get back to the basics (of what it means to be in the

Army). Let's show it in everything we do."

Share this collection with your friends and family, including loved ones back home. Use it as inspiration; a reminder of what the title "Team Lee" really means and how everyone's role is significant to the commanding general's vision of "delivering game-changing professionals and solutions."

Keep in mind also that "Life at Lee" continues. Contributed photos of everyday work activities, military training and community events are always welcome. Please obtain appropriate permission before taking photos in training areas, classrooms, administrative buildings, etc. For further

guidance, contact the garrison PA team at ArmyFortLee.PAO@mail.mil. Additional information also can be found in the garrison policy letter for photography and videography at www.lee.army.mil (click "about us" menu option, select "Fort Lee Policy Letters," and scroll to the Public Affairs category).

Reader feedback is also important. Tell us what you think about the photo collection or share your viewpoint of "Life at Lee" on the newspaper's social media page, www.facebook.com/ftleetraveller. Remember that comments can be seen by all *Traveller* readers and offensive remarks will be removed from the page.



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ON THE COVER



T. Anthony Bell

Pvt. Justin Lajoie, Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, stands at the position of attention during a formation held outside of the Samuel Sharpe Dining Facility on May 1.. See more pictures of Life at Lee on Pages 15-23.

MG Wyche, Congressman Forbes laud devoted government workers

Keith Desbois
CASCOM Public Affairs

Congressman J. Randy Forbes, R-Va., joined Maj. Gen. Larry D. Wyche, commanding general, Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, for a special celebration here Monday that honored the dedicated service of government workers who served for 40 years or more.

The event included the unveiling of a perpetual plaque that will be prominently displayed in the CASCOM headquarters building. It already includes the names of 80 employees who contributed more than four decades of government service. The plaque was unveiled by Forbes, Wyche, Command Sgt. Maj. Terry E. Parham Sr., CASCOM CSM, and Joseph Thornton, a U.S. Army Transportation School retiree.

"Today, we are privileged to pay tribute to 80 members of our CASCOM team who together



Keith Desbois

Maj. Gen. Larry D. Wyche, Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee commanding general, along with Congressman J. Randy Forbes, pose with some of the retired government workers who were honored at a Monday ceremony in the Lee Club. Eighty individuals were recognized. Their names were added to the plaque that will be displayed in a place of honor in the CASCOM headquarters building.

provided 3,431 years of public service," Wyche said. "Think about that for a moment ... that is a lot of experience and knowledge that supported our Soldiers, families, Army and nation."

Forbes said four decades of service to this county is an "incredible feat." He acknowledged

the importance of recognizing the long-time service of government workers and thanked CASCOM for assembling the large group of recent retirees who participated in the ceremony. He also gave a nod to the command's important role as the Army's "sustainment think-tank."

"Today, you're looking at one of the most forward-looking facilities in the United States," Forbes said. "For decades to come, it will make a huge difference in the lives of men and women who fight to defend and protect this country."

CASCOM is responsible

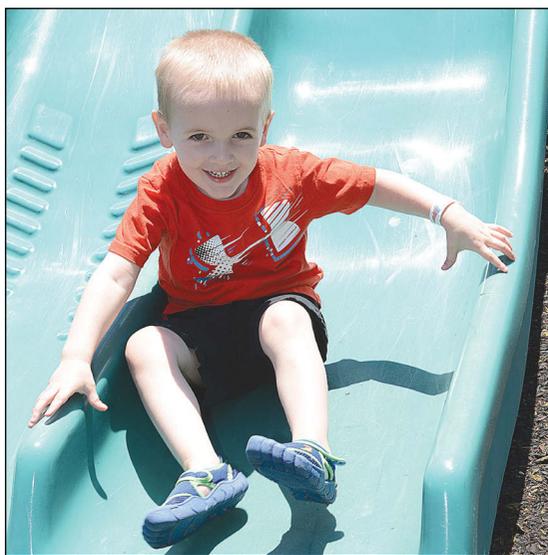
for training more than 180,000 students annually through 541 courses taught by the Ordnance, Quartermaster and Transportation schools, Soldier Support Institute and Army Logistics University. It is also a major subordinate command of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Each of the honorees at the ceremony received a certificate of appreciation from Wyche and Forbes. Judging by their reactions during the presentations, the assembled retirees very much appreciated the additional recognition.

"It is an absolutely wonderful feeling to realize that people care about you, even after you retire," said Larry Toler, former deputy to the commandant, U.S. Army Quartermaster School. "It really means a lot that (this command) recognizes our service."

Toler had 40 years of government service when he retired.

The plaque will be updated with new names as those who have given more than half of their adult life in service to CASCOM and the country retire. Former employees of the command also are eligible for recognition. For details, call (804) 734-1599.



Photos by Trish Muntean

About 950 community members attended the annual Life at Lee celebration Saturday at the Sisisky Welcome Center. The event was sponsored by Fort Lee Commonwealth Communities and featured many family activities and information booths. (PICTURED FROM LEFT) DJ Lepore, 2 enjoys time on the playground.* Jayden Clerveaux, 2 concentrates on catching a fish.* The Holtschulte Family learns about recycling.



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On any given day at U.S. military installations, the nation's colors are ceremoniously lowered and folded as part of the longstanding tradition of "Retreat" that signals the end of the duty day and pays homage to the country.

The Ordnance Corps added a twist to the ceremony on May 14, heralding the most recent stand-out contributors to its illustrious 202-year history during an event at Whittington Field. Officially called the Hall of Fame Retreat and Induction Ceremony, the Corps celebrated the induction of 12 in front of a few hundred advanced individual training students and cadre amassed in formation.

"Today's retreat ceremony has a special purpose," said Chief of Ordnance Brig. Gen. John F. Haley, addressing the troops and roughly 60 guests. "It provides an opportunity for our troops on the field who are just beginning their military careers to honor our Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame inductees in a public forum. It also is intended to inspire the participants and audience, and to reinforce the principle of the Army as a profession."

The inductees, who were formally enshrined at a Ball Auditorium event the same night, were committee-chosen from a list of roughly 50 nominees. They have distinguished themselves individually, said Haley, but "taken together, they form an incredible volume of accomplishment; one that details their service, their dedication to duty and their exceptional willingness to go above and beyond in their profession."

The inductees included 10 former Soldiers – enlisted, warrant officer and officer – and two civilians. One inductee, retired Chief Warrant Officer Mickle C. Mitchell, deemed the event important enough that he drove from Fayetteville, N.C., despite a debilitating illness that has left him using a scooter.



PAYING HOMAGE

Ord. Corps recognizes hall of famers



"This is just awesome," he said after the ceremony. "I am awed at being recognized and honored along with the others who will be inducted tonight."

Mitchell, who retired in 2007 after 37 years of service, served in Vietnam and at the ordnance schoolhouse. He capped his career as a CASCOM training developer. The 62-year-old said the recognition is special.

"I feel gratitude," he said, noting he was touched in a mean-



Photos by T. Anthony Bell

ingful way, "and watching those Soldiers out there ... it made me a little bit more humble."

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas A. Lettis shared similar sentiments. The 51-year-old Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe winner said the award is the result of contributions made by his family and the troops he served, many of whom were in attendance.

"It's a culmination of a 20-year career and shows you made

a difference along the way and that you mentored a bunch of young kids I see out here who are now first sergeants and sergeant major," said the 28-year former Soldier. "It makes you proud to see it."

During his remarks, Haley said the contributions of those such as Mitchell and Lettis are part of the corps' proud legacy.

"In today's Army, these distinguished individuals would be considered game-changing pro-

(CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE) Advanced individual training troops execute the command of eyes right as they march past the reviewing stand during the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame Retreat and Induction Ceremony at Whittington Field May 14. The ceremony recognized 12 inductees. •The inductees stand in front of the reviewing stand with Chief of Ordnance Brig. Gen. John F. Haley and Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Clinton Hall. •Haley, with Hall in the background, await the playing of "Retreat."

fessionals who are exceptional at what they do," he said.

Near the close of his speech, Haley spoke directly to the troops, asking them to reflect on the inductees and their service to the nation.

"...I ask you to consider the truly extraordinary contributions of these hall of fame inductees," he said. "Knowing who these individuals are and what they've

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NEWS BRIEFS

Asian American-Pacific Islander Observance

The Fort Lee Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor an Asian American-Pacific Islander Observance on May 22, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Post Field House.

Participants can sample Asian-Pacific food and view live performances and entertainment. The event is being hosted by the 59th Ordnance Brigade.

For details, call (804) 734-6666.

KAHC Memorial Day Schedule

Kenner Army Health Clinic and Mosier Troop Medical Clinic 2 will be open May 23 (training holiday) for patient care. Troop Medical Clinic 1 will be closed May 23.

All services will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day. To reach an on-call KAHC medical provider when the clinic is closed, contact the adminis-

trative officer of the day at (804) 734-9000. This must be done before going to an urgent care center.

For an emergency, dial 9-1-1 or report to the closest emergency room.

Exchange Wall of Gratitude

The Army and Air Force Exchange is honoring Vietnam veterans with a virtual Wall of Gratitude and Remembrance through May 30.

Exchange shoppers are invited to share memories of their service in Vietnam or recognize the sacrifices of friends and families through the Exchange's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AAFES.BX.PX or Twitter at twitter.com/exchange_STYS.

For details, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/patriotfamily/.

KAHC Early Closure

Kenner Clinic will curtail services May 29, 1-4 p.m., to allow staff to attend a quarterly commander's call and training session.

The clinic will reopen in the late afternoon for ancillary services. Patients with routine needs including scheduling appointments, prescription refills or minor illness should contact the clinic before or after the closure.

For acute urgent care needs, call the KAHC administrative officer at (804) 734-9000. This must be done before seeking care at an urgent care center.

Fort Lee Job Fair

A job fair is set for June 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Regimental Club.

Hosted by the Directorate of Human Resources, more than a dozen companies will participate. The event is open to active duty and retired military members, veterans, wounded warriors and spouses.

Visit www.jobzoneonline.com to pre-register and to post a resume.

For details, call (434) 263-5102.

Army Ball Tickets

The U.S. Army Ball, celebrating the Army's 239th Birthday, will be held June 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National

Harbor, Md. The event includes dining, dancing and entertainment.

Ticket prices are \$40 for GS-7/E-7 and below, and \$60 for GS-8/E-8 and above. For details or to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/692317>.

The resort is offering an "Army Birthday" room rate of \$199 (plus tax) per night. For reservations, call (877) 382-7299.

Kenner No Shows

KAHC wants to decrease its number of "no shows" or people who fail to show up for or cancel an appointment.

A scheduled appointment can be canceled by calling 1-866-533-5242.

Beneficiaries are asked to cancel appointments at least 24 hours in advance or as soon as they know they will not be able to keep an appointment. When appointments are canceled, Kenner is able to move another Soldier, family member or retiree into the time slots. "No shows" reduce productivity, waste time and money, and take appointments away from people who need them.

New leader takes charge of provider battalion

Amy Perry

Production/News Assistant Editor

The 266th Quartermaster Battalion's leadership changed hands during a ceremony May 15 on the 262nd QM Bn. Parade Field.

Lt. Col. Scott B. Kindberg took the reins from Lt. Col. Christopher H. Robertson, with Col. Mary Beth Taylor, commander, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade, passing the guidon in between the Soldiers. Brig. Gen. John E. O'Neil IV, Quartermaster General, also was in attendance.

When Robertson took charge two years ago, his new battle buddy, Command Sgt. Maj. Wendy Robinson, also joined the command team. Her change of responsibility ceremony is set for June.

"Lt. Col. Robertson and Command Sgt. Maj. Robinson take great pride in their accomplishment of training more than 10,000 warriors," said Taylor. "Their dedication to the training mission was clearly visible during each Quartermaster FTX that they led. It didn't matter that all of the warriors involved in their FTX were not 92G (food service Specialist). Each warrior, (Basic Officer Leaders Course) student and (Advanced Leaders Course) student was given an opportunity to excel. (They were presented) challenging situations that better prepared them and enabled them to contribute upon arrival at their first unit of assignment.

"Thank you ... for providing guidance, leadership and an environment that encourages the team

to excel," she continued.

Robertson's next assignment is Camp H.M. Smith within the U.S. Pacific Command where he will serve as the chief of plans for the J46.

"I know you will be successful and make lasting contributions within (your unit), just as you have done here," Taylor said of the move.

After thanking his wife for her support, Robertson thanked his leaders.

"I would like to express my deep gratitude to General O'Neil and Colonel Taylor for their confidence and trust in the command team over the last two years," said Robertson. "It's been a distinct honor and privilege to serve

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Amy Perry

Lt. Col. Scott B. Kingberg, the incoming commander of the 266th Quartermaster Battalion, takes the guidon from Col. Mary Beth Taylor, 23rd QM Brigade commander, during a change of command ceremony May 15 at the 262nd QM Bn. parade field. Kindberg took command from Lt. Col. Christopher H. Robertson.

Army School of Music Soldiers bring entertainment to Fort Lee

Patrick Buffett
Managing Editor

A history-making band event occurred here May 15 when Soldiers from the U.S. Army School of Music, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, arrived as part of a field training exercise and performed mini-concerts across the post.

After an early morning flight aboard a CH-47 Chinook helicopter, and a bit of field training to warm themselves up for the day ahead, the military musicians dispersed to three locations here – the child development centers (brass quintet and woodwind choir), the Post Exchange (brass choir and Dixie band), and Training Area 27 (rock band and Latin combo) where they performed for Quartermaster troops who were wrapping up a three-day field exercise.

“It’s a deployment simulation that we’re trying for the first time,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher Lawrence, the ASOM FTX coordinator, during the TA-27 concert. “The goal is to expand the experience level of our students before we send them out to their first duty assignments across the Army.”

Lawrence noted that his organization was part of the Navy School of Music until a “deconsolidation” three years ago made them an independent entity under the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command umbrella. That move required changes to the curriculum including the military occupational specialty-specific field training that TRADOC expects from all of its advanced individual training schools.

“We asked ourselves, ‘OK, what do Army bands do out there?’” Lawrence said. “We also looked at some lessons learned (from the past 10 years of deployments) and began putting together scenarios that addressed our vision of how Soldiers should be trained up before they’re handed off to the Army.”

That analysis resulted in a four-day “monster of a training event” in Lawrence’s words. The Soldiers completed warrior tasks and battle drills, Army culture training, deployment rehearsals and so on. On day three, they boarded helicopters bound for Fort Lee



Patrick Buffett

Staff Sgt. Kevin Quinones, an Army School of Music cadre member, performs with a Latin combo at Fort Lee’s Training Area 27 on May 15. The mini-concert was part of an ASOM training exercise that gave band students experience with a full-scale deployment and putting on an impromptu show for Soldiers in the field. Other ensembles performed at the Post Exchange and the child development centers on post.

and had yet to be told that they would be performing mini-concerts as part of the exercise.

“(Army bandsmen) need to be ready to perform at a moment’s notice,” Lawrence remarked. “It’s one of those things that Army musicians do, and it’s really important.”

The four-day exercise concluded with a 10-kilometer road-march, immediately followed by a “rite of passage” ceremony where the soon-to-graduate bandsmen received the unit patches for their first assignment.

“That’s the icing on the cake,” Lawrence said. “They’ll be walking a little prouder from that moment on.”

Spc. Jessica Chicvara, one of the student musicians who performed at TA-27, gave the training exercise high marks. She also added to the historic significance of the event, being the first ASOM AIT student to graduate with an additional vocalist skill identifier (42R9V).

“This is exactly the type of thing we would be expected to do in a deployed environment,” said the former Army Air Traffic Controller who has already been deployed to Afghanistan. “Of course, we are Soldiers first and are expected to know our warrior tasks and battle drills, and have to be physi-

cally capable of overcoming the challenges of a combat situation. We just do all that and happen to play music too.”

“What we did here (Fort Lee training area) is significant because it closely resembles the types of performances we would do downrange,” she added. “We’re giving Soldiers a chance to get away (from the stresses of deployment) for a short while. We’re taking them on a mini vacation. How can you not feel great after seeing the smiles on their faces and knowing you gave them a great show?”

The recipients of the melodious moment appreciated it as well.

“What a great way to wrap up our Quartermaster FTX week,” said Capt. Jason Coffey, commander of Juliet Company, 262nd QM Battalion. “My Soldiers worked very hard over the previous three days, and it was a welcome reward for their efforts. It also exposed them to another part of the Army they might not have known existed, and provided a great training opportunity to the military band members as well. I extend my thanks to the cadre of the school of music for bringing their Soldiers out to perform for us, and to the performers for their enthusiasm and putting on a great show.”

SPC. BUFORD T. BRACEY

Unit: Foxtrot Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion

MOS: 92Y – unit supply specialist

Age: 28

Time in service: 8 years

Hometown: Powhatan

Family: three children

Describe yourself: “I’m pretty straight-forward. I can be mean. I’m really an easy person to get along with until a line is crossed in which I feel disrespected.”

Pastimes: “I play with my kids and dogs and ride motorcycles.”

If you win the lottery ... : “I would build my mom a house, help my mom’s church build a new facility; start a trust fund for each of my kids; get out of the military; and build a nice peaceful home out in the country.”

Your greatest hope: “My greatest hope is that when I’m 50 years old, I’m happy and able to do the same things I can do now.”

Worst fear: “To fail my children. I want them to understand what I do. I’m scared they will dislike me or disown me like my par-

ents did.”

One defining moment: “It was when I was 19 years old. At the time, I was out in the streets really hard, selling drugs. A recruiter found me, pulled me out of jail, took me in front of the court and encouraged me to join the military. From that point on, I haven’t touched any drugs or anything. It changed me and my relationship with my family because I hadn’t spoken with my mother for something like two years (before enlisting).”

One person you most admire: “My mother. She adopted me (at the age of 6) when she was 45 years old. She adopted three of us, and she did it by herself. Everybody had doubts about it, but I came out OK.”

One thing military service has taught you: “It taught me how to deal with all types of people. In dealing with all different types of people, I’ve learned that everyone is pretty much the same.”

Your most memorable experience while deployed: “(Iraq, 2008) We were in a village, and

some Iraqis gave us some food. We all sat around and ate. When we left, we were on our way back to the post and everybody started to get sick. We were joking around on the radios – ‘I don’t feel good;’ ‘I don’t feel good, either.’ As soon as the trucks got back to the company and were fueling up, everybody began throwing up. We found out we had been poisoned. I passed out and wound up losing 50 pounds. I was in the hospital for 10 days; two Soldiers died from it. They had me redo my SGLI in case I wasn’t going to make it.”

How do you see the incident and military service in retrospect: “I feel like it’s something I have to do. If it’s my time to go, it’s my time to go. In the end, my kids will be taken care of. As long as they’re OK ...”

Why you choose your MOS: “They gave me three choices: one was working with fuel, but I don’t like the smell of gas. The other one was cooking. I like grilling, but I don’t like being in a kitchen too long. Then, the guy at the MEPs



station recommended (unit) supply specialist.”

Do you have regrets about the job you chose? “No, I don’t. I love my job.”

The qualities that you like to see in leaders: “I like the take-charge aspect in leaders, whether they’ve done a particular job or not. Even if they have no idea of what they’re doing, the basics of leadership will get you to where you need to go. What I don’t like in leaders is when they act like they know and they don’t know; then we have a problem. Now, if you admit the fact that you don’t know, then I’m

OK with that.”

The qualities you like to see in your fellow Soldiers: “I like to see Soldiers who work hard and want to learn more. That keeps me on my toes.”

What inspires you as a Soldier? “My kids. They inspire me to continue on. Also, my leadership inspires me. Once in a while, they have to sit me down because I can get out of hand. I do get frustrated when plans go down, and I feel like I don’t get enough recognition for what I do. They will tell me, ‘Look, it’s going to be OK; you’re good; keep going; continue on.’ And when my little girls ask for toys and clothes, I think ... well I have to pay for that, so ...”

The best thing about the Army: “The lessons learned about life. If I wasn’t in the military, half the things I know now I would not know.”

Worst thing about the Army: “The time away from you family. With three divorces in eight years, it has destroyed my personal life.”

Future plans: “I plan on moving up in the ranks. Personally, I would continue to grow, raise my family and buy a house.”

– Compiled by T. Anthony Bell

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Recognize your high school graduate

The submission deadline for the 2014 *Fort Lee Traveller* high school graduation special edition is by close of business June 5.

This is the annual newspaper insert that features the photos and names of graduating high school seniors affiliated with the Fort Lee community.

Affiliations include active or retired military members, government civilians and contractors. Any parent who wants their graduate featured in the insert must submit a photo and the required information as specified in this article.

To participate, parents need to submit a head-and-shoulders photo of their graduate(s) with the first and last name of each student and each parent, the parent's rank (if applicable), the parent's status and place of duty, the student's age and high school, and a telephone number to be used (but not published) if additional information is needed.

The photo submitted should be copyright-free (if taken by a studio or commercial vendor), 5-by-7 inches, 200-dpi or greater, and in JPEG format.

Parents who do not have a photo of their graduate

can make arrangements with the Public Affairs Office staff to have one taken.

Materials can be submitted via email to terrance.a.bell.civ@mail.mil; on the website www.fleetraveller.com/graduate; through regular mail addressed to the Fort Lee Public Affairs Office, 3312 A Ave., Fort Lee, VA 23801 or by hand to the PAO in the garrison headquarters building (12010) on the corner of A Avenue and 34th Street.

For questions, call (804) 734-6948 or 734-7147.

– Staff Reports

Senior CWO outlines priorities, training

Chief Warrant Officer 5 David Williams, Army Staff Senior Warrant Officer, Office of the Army Chief of Staff, discussed primary military education, future senior warrant officer positions and leader development with Combined Arms Support Command warrants Friday.

Williams emphasized the importance of leader development and stated that it is essential to maintaining an expeditionary Army.

“If you talk to any senior leaders today, they will tell you their top priority is leader development,” Williams said. “It is one of the most misunderstood terms in the Army – it is much more than just attending a school. It involves training, education and experience.”

The interactive session was designed to stimu-



Keith Desbois

Chief Warrant Officer 5 David Williams, Army Staff Senior Warrant Officer, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, speaks with CASCOM warrants Friday.

late discussion and answer questions the attendees had about the way ahead for the WO corps.

“It was a privilege to have Chief Williams here where he was able to see first-hand the hard work we are doing in providing leader development opportunities,” said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Randy Johnson, CASCOM command chief warrant officer.

Williams is the first to be

assigned as the Army Staff Senior Warrant Officer. The new position provides the Army Chief of Staff a subject matter expert on all aspects of warrant officer training and development. Williams will ensure concerns and recommendations are considered in decisions that will impact the future of the warrant officer corps.

– CASCOM Public Affairs

DECA scholarship



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Luis Beltran (third from left) proudly poses with his family after receiving a \$2,000 DECA Scholarship during a program at the Richmond Marriott May 1. Pictured with the youth, from left to right, are Joseph Jeu, DECA director; his parents, Master Sgt. Luis Beltran and Adrianna Beltran; his grandmother, Elsa Rodriguez; and Jim Weiskopf, manager of the DECA Scholarship program. The scholarship is awarded to family members of military members. Luis Beltran will attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall and major in bio-medical engineering.

New exclusive comic book available at Exchange

Once again, the United States must rely on patriotic super hero Captain America and his allies to save the country from impending doom in the latest military-exclusive comic book from Marvel, available for free at the Fort Lee Exchange.

Written by William Harms with art by Tom Grummett, “Divide and Conquer” is the 17th military-exclusive edition from Marvel since 2005.

“Everyone at Marvel is honored to have the opportunity to create new stories just for the brave men and women in the Armed Forces, so we packed every

page with all the action, drama, humor and surprises you’ve come to expect from Marvel,” said Bill Rosemann, Marvel custom solutions creative director.”

“The Exchange always looks forward to partnering with Marvel to bring exclusive comics to military shoppers,” said Audrey Alston, Fort Lee Exchange general manager. “As always, the free comics will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to pick one up as soon as possible at the Fort Lee Exchange.”

– Fort Lee Exchange

PROVIDER | 266th QM BN gets new leader

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in this organization as there is no greater responsibility for preparing America’s singular treasure for service on the line with the U.S. Army.”

Robertson recognized his battle buddy for her efforts in making him a better commander and took time to talk to his Soldiers.

“I will miss serving with you and look forward to seeing the great things you are set to accomplish in the future,” he said to Robertson.

Focusing on the incoming commander, Taylor welcomed him to the brigade.

“I look forward to your new perspective and the expertise you bring to the battalion,” she said. “We are excited to have you as part of the team.”

Kindberg – who most recently served as the execu-

tive office for the CASCOM Force Development Directorate – said he was grateful for the welcome he received and thanked the outgoing command team for a smooth transition.

“Thank you for your kindness and the warm welcome to the battalion,” he said. “It was immediately apparent what a great battalion this is, and I am very proud to be part of the provider team.”

He also praised the Soldiers on the field and took time to speak to his new troops.

“A friend here today shared with me that being in command is not so much about being in charge as it is about being in service,” Kindberg said. “I will passionately give you my best, and I look forward to serving you and serving with you on our provider team.”

Lodging restaurant opens, welcomes Lee community

The John Harvard Restaurant officially opened earlier this month in the Fort Lee Lodge.

The facility is operated by Centerplate, a hospitality provider for many events including U.S. Presidential Inaugural Balls to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and it has introduced three dining concepts in its new location.

Its new feature concepts, designed specifically to treat troops to high quality casual dining are: John Harvard's Restaurant, featuring pub favorites; The Kitchen Table, offering the Fort Lee community comfort foods and several locally

sourced menu items from nearby Virginia farms in a campus-style dining area; and a grab-and-go outlet for quick take-away options.

"We are thrilled to present our hospitality offerings to the men and women who serve our country," said Des Hague, president and CEO of Centerplate. "Our unique approach will do much more than simply enhance the food and beverage operations at the new lodge. We will deliver a superlative experience to each of its guests, in keeping with the Army's high standards."

The opening is good news for lodging guests,

as they previously used kitchenettes within their rooms or had to travel to other locations for meals.

"The majority of guests in our lodge are students at the Army Logistics University," said Col. Paul K. Brooks, Fort Lee garrison commander. "Making dining available there provides a convenient venue that helps to save time, reduce extra travel on and off post, and lessen the risk of traffic accidents and other incidents."

The restaurant is open to more than just guests, though. It's open to the public, and while parking is typically reserved, patrons of the restaurant can use the available spaces.

Parking is available in front of and behind the lodging facility, and there is an entrance to the restaurant in the rear of the building, next to the playground.

The hours of operation for the restaurant are Monday - Thursday, 4:30-11:30 p.m.; Friday, 4:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 2 a.m.; and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. The Kitchen Table is open daily, 6:30-9 a.m. for breakfast, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. for lunch, and 4-8 p.m. for dinner. The Grab & Go area is open Monday - Sunday, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

— Staff Report and Centerplate

Winner of hot dog-eating contest May 29 advances to Coney Island

Nathan's Famous has announced the official 2014 qualifying circuit for the annual Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest will stop at Fort Lee. The special military qualifying event at 6 p.m. on May 29 is part of more than a dozen contests in cities across the United States.

The 10-minute all-you-can-eat contest will take place at the main commissary, 400 Shop Road, and is open to all active and retired military. Registration is open via www.ifoce.com. The top male and top female finishers will earn a spot to compete in the finals at the original Nathan's Famous in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Nathan's Famous mobile sampling tour will be on site at Fort Lee from 3-7 p.m. The tour is covering some 350 stops coast-to-coast at lo-

cal grocers and events throughout the spring, summer and fall, enabling consumers to sample Nathan's hot dogs while enjoying the experience of Coney Island with carnival games, an interactive photo booth, a Zoltar fortune telling coupon machine and the International Hot Dog Eating Contest Championship Belt that will be displayed.

In recent years, an estimated 35,000 fans have traveled to the corner of Surf and Stillwell Avenues in Coney Island on July 4 to watch the contest.

The ESPN telecast of the event has achieved top ratings, attracting millions of viewers each year since it was first aired in 2004.

"The arrival of the annual hot dog-eating contest circuit signals the beginning of summer," said

Wayne Norbitz, president and COO of Nathan's Famous. "We are proud to be part of the American summer and all the enjoyment that it brings."

Joey Chestnut of San Jose, Calif., set the world record by eating 69 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes in 2013, and he will seek his eighth straight title this year. Sonya Thomas of Alexandria will defend her title as female champion; she has consumed a personal best of 45 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes.

Those interested in competing in the qualifier should visit www.majorleagueeating.com to obtain information and register. All competitors must be over 18 years of age and provide valid military ID.

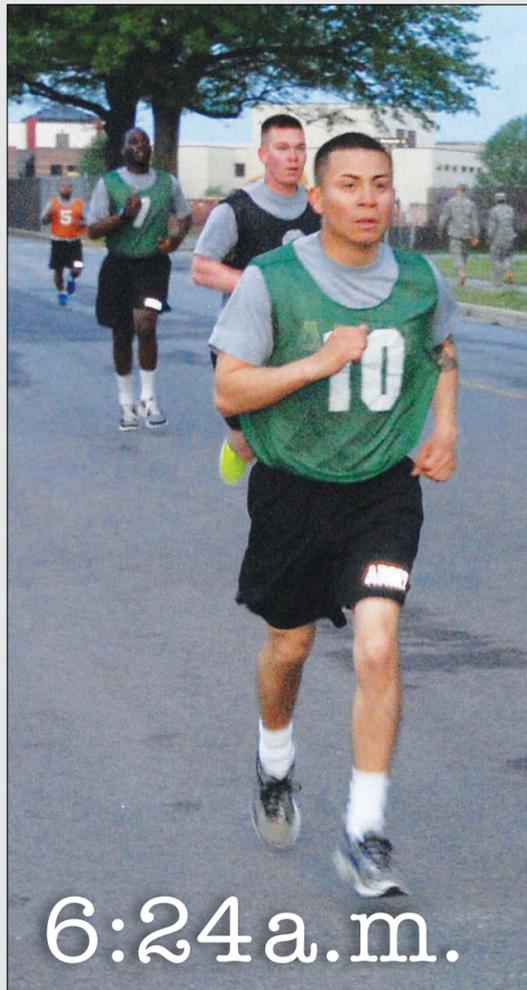
— Nathan's Famous



Patrick Buffett

LIFE AT LEE

Fort Lee is a diverse community in many aspects. Military members from all branches, government civilians and family members make up an environment that is busy, vibrant and purpose-driven. On May 1, the *Traveller* asked staff and community members to capture images that express Life at Lee as they see it. Their work is showcased on the pages that follow and online at ftleetraveller.com and www.facebook.com/ftleetraveller.



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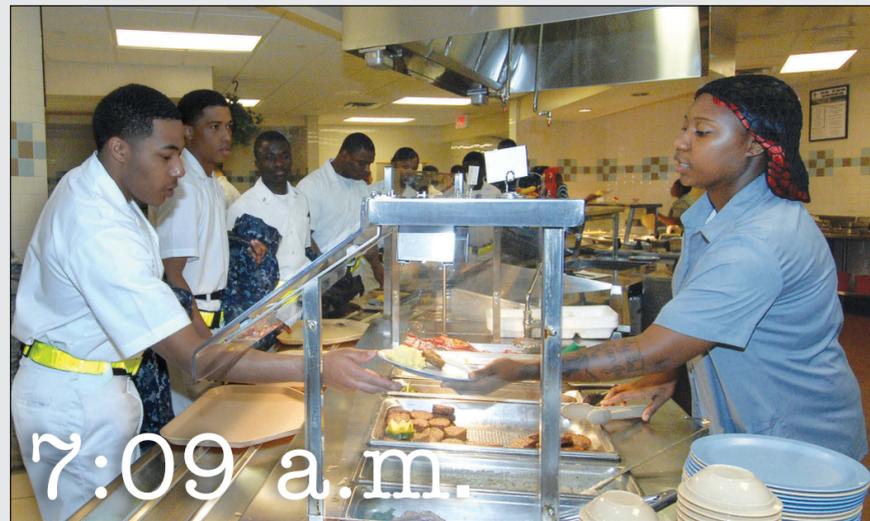
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(CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT) Students from Delta Company, 71st Transportation Battalion, complete a two-mile Army Physical Fitness Test run along B Avenue. • Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Murillo (wearing Army Physical Training uniform) reminds students in Tango Company, 266th Quartermaster Battalion that, "You are part of an organization that lives by high standards and discipline ... the best of the best. Let's get back to the basics (of what it means to be in the Army). Let's show it in everything we do." The formation in the company area followed the morning meal and preceded the dismissal for daily classes and other training. • Staff Sgt. Jason Ruger, a platoon sergeant with Victor Company, 262nd Quartermaster Battalion, tells the advanced individual training students in his unit to "cover down," indicating they should line themselves up and check their distance from the company member in front of them. • Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas J. Kelly, 23rd Quartermaster Brigade CSM, observes physical training activities along B Avenue. He encouraged passing runners to "pick someone and catch 'em" while they completed a timed 2-mile run. • Marcia Jones serves breakfast at the Consolidated Dining Facility. She is a contract food service worker with John Jones Services. • Department of the Army Civilian Policeman Michael Wilson checks an identification card at Fort Lee's Mahone Gate.



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LIFE AT LEE



Amy Perry



Ray Kozakewicz

(LEFT) Navy Culinary Specialist Seamen Whitney Boygents and Jonathan Cotto, students in Navy Culinary Class 150, measure flour by weight for chocolate cookies for brunch at the Joint Culinary Center of Excellence. (ABOVE) Frank Michael Jr., animal caretaker, pets Bear at the Fort Lee Stray Animal Facility.



Ray Kozakewicz



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(ABOVE) Transportation Advanced Leader Course students conduct rail load training at the T-School's rail load training facility. (FAR LEFT) Outdoor Recreation Center employee J.V. Powroznick checks the controls on a small boat at the facility located adjacent to the Hideaway Club. (CENTER) Navy Culinary Specialist Seaman Recruit DeWayne Shepard listens to a question from group mates during a study session at the JCCoE. (LEFT) Sgt. 1st Class Paul Prevot provides instruction for students in the Transportation Management Coordinator Course.



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Thomas Perry

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(LEFT) Nick D’Amario, Defense Contract Management Agency public affairs specialist, and Tom Ruckdaschel, DCMA Contracts Directorate Property Branch Division director, take a lunchtime musical respite from their busy days in a DCMA courtyard. (BELOW) Four musicians – Sgt. Michelle Spinazzola, Spc. Kenneth Fahle, Sgt. Leslie Allen and Sgt. Elizabeth Loy – from Fort Lee’s 392nd Army Band perform during the Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance at the Memorial Chapel.



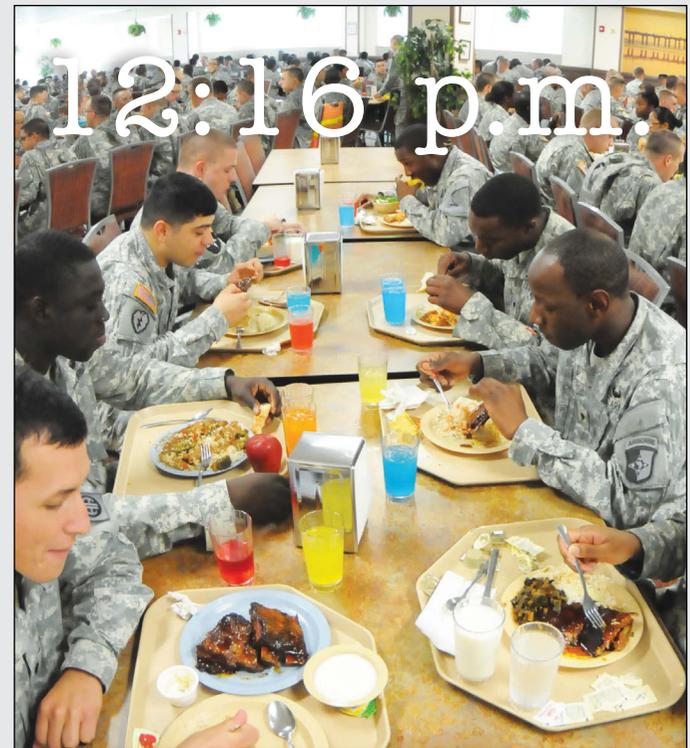
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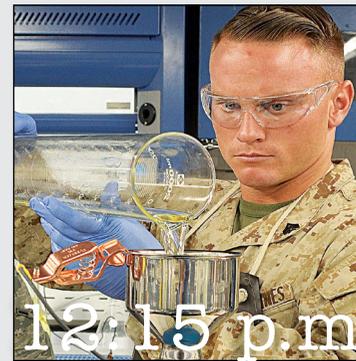
LIFE AT LEE



Sarah Gauvin



T. Anthony Bell



Amy Perry

(FAR LEFT) Pre-toddler Aaron Gauvin is all smiles in the arms of his teacher, Carol, at a child development center. (ABOVE) Students eat lunch at the Samuel Sharpe Dining Facility, one of the largest in the Army. (LEFT) Marine Cpl. Joseph Berry pours JP8 Fuel into a filtration apparatus, part of his effort to become a certified petroleum lab technician.



Thomas Perry

DCMA's Kellie Unsworth, director, Engineering and Analysis Directorate Special Projects and Talent Development Division, works on future department initiatives in her office.



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Instructor Brock Tamburini explains to students the parts of an M-16 weapon during Small Arms/Artillery Repairer Course training on the Ordnance Campus.

LIFE AT LEE



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(LEFT) Spc. Lajon Bailey uses signals to simulate guiding a helicopter in for fueling during Petroleum Supply Specialist Course training at the Military in the Field complex of the Quartermaster School. (BELOW, RIGHT) Ali Kolleda, archival assistant, U.S. Army Women's Museum, places an artifact into a new high-density storage cabinet at the museum.

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(RIGHT) Navy Culinary Specialist Seaman Recruit Justin Padilla (right) calls cadence for a formation of Sailors marching to the Transportation School auditorium for their graduation rehearsal. Padilla was serving as the formation's radio, the Sailor who is assigned to call cadences. (BELOW) Michael Booker, auditory technician, explains the hearing test process to Staff Sgt. Lakeysha Green, Papa Company, 244th Quartermaster Battalion, 23rd QM Brigade, during an annual physical requirement for active duty members. The hearing booth is located in the Active Duty Clinic at Kenner Army Health Clinic. (BELOW, RIGHT) Future military members recite the oath of enlistment at the Military Entrance Processing Station on A Avenue.



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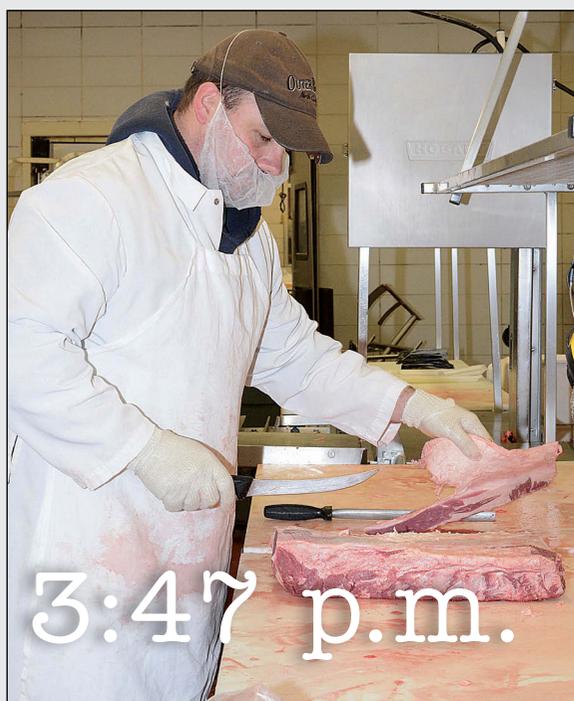
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(LEFT) Staff Sgt. Daniel Santos and Staff Sgt. Richard Swartz, students in the Logistics Noncommissioned Officer Academy's Quartermaster 92G Senior Leader Course 14-F001, fold the flag for the installation retreat ceremony at the Combined Arms Support Command headquarters building on A Avenue. Also pictured is Staff Sgt. James Lowe, noncommissioned officer in charge of the flag detail, who is assigned to the NCOA. The NCOA is responsible for performing retreat each day. (BELOW) Pvt. Stephanie Oviedo prepares to fuel an aircraft during Petroleum Supply Specialist Course training at the Military in the Field complex of the Quartermaster School.

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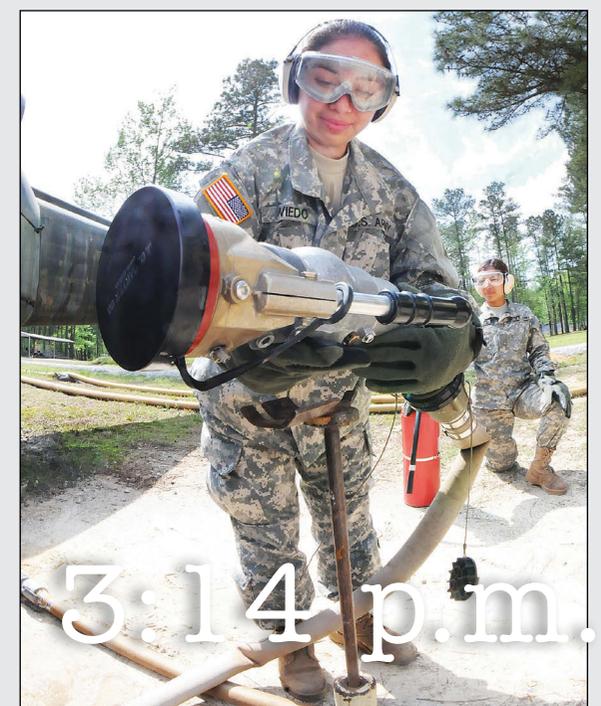


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Sarah Gauvin

(ABOVE) Jaden Alderman sets up dominos to knock them down in a chain reaction during a leisure session at a child development center. (LEFT) Jordan Certo cuts New York strip at the Fort Lee Commissary.



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INDUCTEES | Corps honor contributors

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done to advance our corps, our Army and our great nation makes today's retreat ceremony a very humbling experience."

Haley also took the time to acknowledge the retirement of Col. Gregory A. Mason, the ceremony's commander of troops and the Ordnance Corps chief of staff.

"For the last 20 years, he has devoted his efforts to making our corps a truly outstanding organization..." he said. "Today we acknowledge the end to a very distinguished military career."

Mason also served as the Chief of Ordnance between the administrations of Brig. Gen. Clark W.

LeMasters Jr. and Brig. Gen. Edward M. Daly.

The Ordnance Hall of Fame was established in 1969. Since its inception, it has inducted 404 contributors. They include luminaries such as Robert Parrot, inventor of the Parrot gun; J.M. Browning, a small arms pioneer; and Dr. Robert Goddard, the Father of U.S. Rocketry.

(TOP RIGHT) Command Sgt. Maj. Clinton Hall, retired Brig. Gen. Steven M. Anderson, Col. Gregory A. Mason and Brig. Gen. John F. Haley inspect the troops during the Hall of Fame Retreat and Induction Ceremony May 14 at Whittington Field on the Ordnance Campus.



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2014 Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame Inductees

Historical Inductees

Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Eller
Isabelle Hansen

Contemporary Inductees

Lt. Gen. David S. Weisman

Maj. Gen. Robert M. Radin
Brig. Gen. Steven M. Anderson
Chief Warrant Officer 5 James A.
Jackson

CW5 Mickle C. Mitchell
CW5 Bernard L. Satterfield

CSM Anthony T. Aubain
CSM Thomas A. Lettis
CSM Ivory Whitaker Jr.
Dr. Joseph A. Lannon

ISO certified



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Members of the Fort Lee Directorate of Public Works/Skookum team proudly display a banner saluting their recent ISO 9001 certification. The team's accomplishment is a major step toward ensuring long-term quality and efficiency of public works services here. The team employs more than 200 individuals of various skills and trades, and they perform over 3,000 facility maintenance activities every month. At the conclusion of the ISO 9001 audit, the outside inspector simply characterized the DPW/Skookum team's performance as "Excellent Implementation!"

Click it or ticket effort to reduce traffic deaths

Law enforcement officers across Virginia and the nation are out in full force looking for seat belt violators as part of the national Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization.

Seat belts prevent ejection, which is one of the leading causes of death and serious injury during a crash. Without a seat belt, a person's body becomes a missile inside the vehicle, endangering everyone else in the car.

"Don't risk death or hurting others in your vehicle," said Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb. "If you're driving, the second action you need to take after fastening your own seat belt is to insist all your passengers are wearing their

belts too."

Day and night, local law enforcement officers are on the lookout for those not wearing their seat belts – and for good reason.

Last year in Virginia, 54 percent of all traffic fatalities, or 310 deaths, were unrestrained drivers and passengers, and most of the unrestrained fatalities (144 or 46 percent) occurred between the hours of 6 p.m. and 3 a.m.

In 2012 nationwide, 61 percent of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m. – 5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts.

DMV's Virginia Highway Safety Office encourages all Virginians to buckle up on every trip, every time, no matter what time of day.

Also last year in Virginia, 118 (38 percent) of the unrestrained traffic deaths were young people ages 21-35, and 73 percent were males. In addition, drivers and passengers in pickup trucks had the lowest seat belt use rates, along with passengers in work vans.

"These numbers tell us young males, many of them pickup drivers, are not buckling up and are dying on our roadways," Holcomb said. "Those who drive and ride in pickup trucks may think that their large vehicle will protect them more than other vehicles in a crash. This false sense of security may cause them to not wear their seat belts, but the stats show that this bravado is misplaced."

– Virginia DMV

Lee troops attend early screening of 'female patriot' documentary

Keith Desbois

CASCOM Public Affairs Office

About 400 military members attended an advance screening of the documentary "Unsung Heroes – The Story of America's Female Patriots" at the Lee Theater on Friday. The film has been two years in the making and will air nationwide this summer.

The production focuses on the accomplishments and advancements women from all branches of service have made throughout American history. It is produced by Academy Award winner Ron Howard and written and directed by Emmy winner Frank Martin.

Those who attended the special showing – hosted by the U.S. Army Women's Museum – had many positive things to say about its overall message. "I think this film spreads so much awareness about what women (have done) that people don't know about," said Airman 1st Class Sarah Adams from the 345th Training Squadron at Fort Lee. "This film definitely makes me want to learn more about their achievements."

Long before the defense department removed restrictions on the jobs women service members could perform, they were on the front lines of every battle the United States had ever fought. Francoise Bonnell, museum director, provided a historic overview and references that are used as the backdrop for the production. She shared stories and personal accounts of female service members from the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The film is wonderful because it uses primary archival sources, the majority of which have never been published, and firsthand accounts to tell the history," Bonnell said. "I realize now, having seen the film, that Martin already had a sense of how he was going to weave all of the sources together."

Also featured in the documentary, and in attendance, was Sgt. 1st Class Guadalupe Alexander who is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters



Keith Desbois

After the advance screening of "Unsung Heroes – The Story of America's Female Patriots" Friday, service members participate in a question and answer session with those directly involved in creating the production. The panel at the Lee Theater featured Francoise Bonnell, director, U.S. Army Women's Museum; Frank Martin, writer and director; Sgt. 1st Class Guadalupe Alexander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combined Arms Support Command; and Krewasky Salter, senior historian working with the production.

Company, Combined Arms Support Command. The El Paso, Texas, native recounted personal stories of what life was like being deployed in a combat environment during tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Alexander was attached to an infantry unit in Iraq and provided automated logistics support in both theaters.

"Being featured in the *Unsung Heroes* documentary was such a great experience, as I was able to talk about my adventures of being a Soldier," Alexander said. "It is something that I will cherish and be forever grateful for."

Attending the screening with Alexander was her 17 year-old daughter Kaayaliah. She experienced firsthand what it was like to have a loved one in harm's way.

"I found out my mother was on the front line after her second deployment to Iraq. It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to deal with in my life," Kaayaliah said. "I remember all through middle school and part of high school a lot of people would say, 'oh, women can't be on the front lines' or 'women aren't on the front line.' I would be almost crying explaining to people that women are on the front

line, and my mother is one of those many women."

She also added that her mother is the strongest woman she knows and is very proud of her accomplishments.

"My words can never explain the amount of joy and how proud I am to be the daughter of a female Soldier," she said.

After the screening, service members participated in a question and answer session with those directly involved in creating the film. A panel was composed of Bonnell, Martin, Alexander and Krewasky Salter, senior historian working with the production. According to those involved in bringing the project to life, it was an important story that needed to be told.

"These types of films exist to raise awareness and spark a conversation," Miller said. "Each time there is a conversation, more information is exchanged."

Stories such as those of Alexander and other female warriors fill the two-hour documentary special. It will air on the Public Broadcasting Service the last week of May. Check your PBS television station listings for program times.

CALENDAR

LOCAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FORT LEE COMMUNITY

EVENTS

Military Collectors Show at QM Museum | May 24

The 3rd Annual Fort Lee Military Collectors Show is set for May 24, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum, building 5218, A Avenue and 22nd Street. Admission is free. Participants can buy, sell and trade military collectable items from all eras.

For details, email bornkm@comcast.net.

Line Dancing | May 23, May 28

Free line dancing lessons for all ages are available every Wednesday and Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Sports Zone, building 3650, C Avenue. The next dates are May 23 and 28,

An instructor will teach the cupid shuffle, the electric slide, the wobble, the cha-cha and other line dances with music ranging from soul to country.

For details, call (804) 765-1539.

23rd Quartermaster Brigade Newcomers Welcome | May 28

A newcomers welcome event will be held by the 23rd Quartermaster Brigade, May 28, 1 p.m., at Liberty Chapel, Mahone and C avenues.

New cadre and their families will meet brigade leaders and learn about services located on Fort Lee. It is open to Soldiers who have been assigned to the installation within the last 90 days.

For details, call (804) 734-4367.

Texas Hold'em Tournaments | Tuesdays

Texas Hold'em No Limit Tournaments are held Tuesdays at the Sports Zone, building 3650 on C Avenue. The next three days are May 27, June 3 and 10.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with a tournament start time of 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 each night. Prizes will be given to top placement winners.

For details, call (804) 765-3058.

Butterfly Release | May 29

The Butterfly release is a special ceremony aimed at remembering, honoring and respecting our fallen heroes on May 29, 2 p.m., at the Memorial Garden, adjacent to Army Community Service on Mahone Avenue.

Community members are encouraged to support the family members at this program.

For details, (804) 734-6445.

Hump Day Scrambles | June 4 - Sept. 24

Hump Day Scrambles are set for every Wednesday, June 4 - Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m., at the Cardinal Golf Club. The next dates are June 11, 18 and 25.

Singles and twosomes will be paired to make four-person teams. The cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for E1-E5 Soldiers; \$17 for E6-03, \$19 for senior ranks and \$21 for all others. The fee includes golf, a cart, golf range and prizes. Payment is required at registration that begins Thursday morning for the following Wednesday.

For details, call (804) 734-2899.

Get Golf Ready | June 4 - July 2

Community members can learn the basic skills to play golf in five weeks. Two sessions will be offered each week – Wednesdays at 5 p.m. beginning June 4; and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. starting June 7 – at the Cardinal Golf Club.

The cost is \$99 for active duty and family members and \$129 for all others.

For details, call (804) 734-2899.

PMO Special Olympics Torch Run | June 6

The 2014 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Virginia will trek

through Fort Lee on June 6. The run will kick off at 8 a.m. at Rosa's Italian Restaurant, 4098 Oaklawn Blvd., Hopewell, and enter the Sisisky Gate at approximately 8:20 a.m. After a torch exchange from the Hopewell Police Department to the Fort Lee Police Department, the law enforcement members will travel onto A Avenue, 16th Street, Mahone Avenue and Lee Avenue, and pass through the Lee Avenue Gate.

For details, call (804) 734-6610 or email christopher.d.pinkerton2.mil@mail.mil.

Classics at the Fort Car Show | June 14

The Classics at the Fort Car Show is slated for June 14, 8 a.m. - noon, at the Regimental Club.

Showcase your car, truck or motorcycle at this event that features dazzling chrome and revved-up engines. Spectators will be admitted free. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Fisher House. Awards will be presented at 3:30 p.m.

For details, call (804) 765-1539.

Swimming Lessons | June 16-26

It's never too late or early to learn how to swim. There will be three swimming class sessions this summer, offered by Fort Lee Family and MWR at the Battle Drive Pool. The first session is June 16 - 26, with other classes July 7 - 17 and July 28 - Aug. 7. Participants should be at least 5 years of age. The cost is \$45 for military and \$50 for DOD Civilians. Visit www.leemwr.com for the pool schedule.

For registration and details, call (804) 765-3852 or 734-6198.

FMWR Newcomers' Dinner | June 19

Family and MWR will hold its quarterly Newcomers Dinner on June 19, 5:30-8 p.m., at the Regimental Club.

At the free event, new community members who have arrived here over the previous six months or less can become familiar with programs and services both

inside and outside the gate and meet other new families. Door prizes will be awarded. Reservations must be made by 4 p.m., June 13.

For reservations and details, call (804)

SPORTS & FITNESS

734-7821.

Summer Basketball Intramurals | June 4 - Aug. 13

Family and MWR Sports will hold Summer Basketball Intramurals June 4 - Aug. 13. Companies must submit an entry form to the Sports Office, building 4320, C Avenue and 19th Street, by May. 30.

There is no charge to participate. It is open to active duty military and spouses, DOD Civilians and contractors at Fort Lee.

The coaches first meeting will be held May. 30, 4 p.m., at MacLaughlin Fitness Center, building. 2414.

There will be preseason and post-season tournaments.

For details, call (804) 765-3896.

Get Fit, Stay Fit | Daily

A variety of weekly fitness classes are available through the Family and MWR Sports Office.

The cost is usually \$4 per class, and a fitness card may be used for most. The 10-class punch card costs \$20. Some classes are free.

Yoga (Iyengar) is free for active duty military and spouses of deployed troops.

Classes for which there is a fee include Aerobics, Boot Camp, INSANITY, Pilates, Spinning, Spin Intervals, Yoga (Inyengar), Yogaworks (Vinyasa), Zumba and Zumba Toning. Workout with Weights in the House of Pain is free to all eligible fitness center patrons, however, in order to attend this class individuals must complete a fitness assessment.

For details, call (804) 734-6198.

Visit the *Traveller* on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ftleetraveller.

Learn to Water Ski I June 3 - Aug. 28

Water ski lessons, sponsored by Outdoor Recreation, is offered every Tuesday and Thursday, June 3 - Aug. 28.

Open to all experience levels, the sessions will cover wakeboarding, kneeboarding, slalom and more. The cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required and there is a 4-person minimum per lesson. The first six lessons are June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 and 19. Three sessions will be held - 9 a.m. - noon, 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Participants should meet at the water ski launch at the Appomattox Small Boat Harbor, 1604 Fine St., Prince George. For those students requiring transportation, call Outdoor Recreation.

For registration and details, call (804) 765-2212.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Meadowbrook High Flag Ceremony I May 23

A flag ceremony program will be held May 23, 8:30 a.m., at Meadowbrook High School, 4901 Cogbill Road, Chesterfield.

The program will emphasize the school's international heritage and diversity, and the community members are welcome.

For details, call (804) 743-3675

Spring Plant Sale I May 23

A spring plant sale will be held by the Chesterfield Life Changing Academy on May 23, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse Complex, 6819 Mimms Loop, Chesterfield.

The fundraiser will include hanging baskets, decorative and landscaping plants, and more.

For details, call (804) 706-2155.

Commonwealth Memorial Day I May 26

Linden Dixon, commander of the American Legion Department of Virginia, will deliver the keynote address at the Commonwealth Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26, 10 a.m., at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 South

Belvidere St., Richmond.

The Fort Lee 392nd Army Band's brass quintet will perform at the event. For details, call (804)786-2060 or visit www.vawarmemorial.org.

Memorial Day Tribute I May 28

A tribute to veterans for Memorial Day is set for May 28, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at the Petersburg Freedom Support Center, 32 W. Washington St. The event will include health education, employment opportunities and a special lunch with a Petersburg veteran who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

For details, visit www.facebook.com/PetersburgFreedomSupportCenter.

Memorial Wall Ceremony I May 29

VFW Post 2239 will host a ceremony "The Wall That Heals" on May 29, 9 a.m., Southside Mall, near Dick's Sporting Goods, Colonial Heights.

A Fort Lee color guard will open the program and the 392nd Army Band will perform. The traveling exhibit will arrive from North Carolina on May 28. To take part the escort ride, call (214) 448-5218.

For details, call (804) 524-0768.

Army Band Concert on Village Green I June 12

The Fort Lee 392nd Army Band will perform on June 12, 7 p.m., at the Chester Village Green

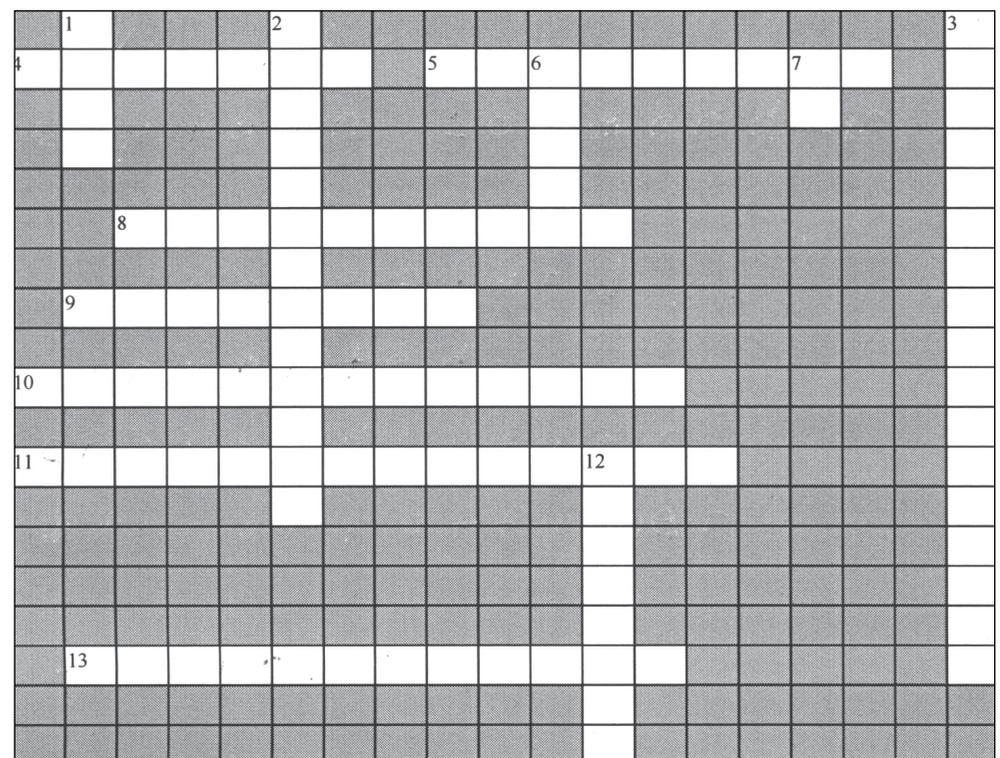
This free community event, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Chester and the *The Village News*, will feature big band, popular, country and patriotic music. Participants should bring chairs, blankets and a picnic supper.

Motorcycle Ride I June 14

The American Legion Riders, Two Rivers Chapter Post 146 in Hopewell, is sponsoring a June 14 motorcycle ride. It will benefit the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and begins at the Legion facility at 297 East Poythress St. and ends at the McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the first bike will leave at 11 a.m. The cost is \$15 per rider in advance and \$20 on ride day. Passengers are \$5.

To pre-register, visit www.vaalr146.org.



MILITARY RANKS

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4. The name of a rank included in all of the armed forces
5. This is a generic term for an officer in command, but it also is a rank in the sea services
8. The service that does not have a chief warrant officer 5 rank
9. Chevrons are included in the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps rank insignias. They are also included in the ranks of the sea services, but they are _____
10. Many of the Army and Marine Corps enlisted rank insignias are similar. Name one feature that distinguishes the Marines' rank insignia (two words)
11. One service does not include this category of rank
13. This group is comprised

of admirals and generals (two words)

DOWN

1. Captains in this service are graded O6
2. This is the result of a lateral promotion in one of the Army senior noncommissioned officer ranks
3. Might be considered the most celebrated rank in the Navy
6. One rank that is the same grade in the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force
7. The grade of the lowest Air Force enlisted rank that includes a chevron in its insignia
12. The lowest ranking noncommissioned officer in the Marine Corps

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