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(From left) Army spouse Carrie Warfel's four children Kayla Scott, 17, Alex, 8, Payton, 6, and Julius, 12, sing along with Lady Antebellum. The country band surprised Warfel on Oct. 2 at Burba Lake park as part of its "7For7" initiative to surprise seven fans over the course of seven days to promote its new album "747." Footage from the event appeared on NBC's "Today" show Friday morning. To view video of the event, go to ladyantebellum.com/747 or MeadeTV for the week of Oct. 3. **For the story, see Page 14.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.-3 P.M.: Youth Sports Homecoming - Youth Sports Complex

WEDNESDAY, 11:30 A.M.: Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Fair - McGill Training Center

OCT. 25, 8 A.M.: Ghosts, Ghouls & Goblins 5K Run/1-Mile Walk - The Pavilion

OCT. 25, 9:30 A.M.: Pet Costume Contest - The Pavilion

NOV. 4, 3 P.M.: Army Vs. Navy Flag Football game - Mullins Field

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Fall brings safety concerns

It's autumn again!

When most people think of the seasons in terms of safety, they focus on the months that bring obvious hazards. Many people incorrectly think that autumn is a relatively safe season.

However, each season brings safety challenges. Autumn is no different. With proper precautions and safety awareness, you and your family can enjoy crisp autumn weather while avoiding some of the dangers that come with the season.

When the weather turns cold, most people spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces and heaters to keep warm. There's nothing quite as cozy as a fire, but it can present safety hazards.

Keep these tips in mind:

- Service your furnace.

Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and there are no leaks.

- Use fireplaces safely.

Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure the fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

- Use caution with space heaters.

A space heater can be an effective way to warm up a chilly room, but it's essential that you read the instructions on the unit before using it.

If your space heater requires ventilation, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters approved for this purpose.

Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

- Exercise candle caution.

According to the National Candle Association, almost 10,000 home fires start because of improper candle use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep, and keep candles away from pets and children.

- Change smoke alarm batteries.

Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for daylight saving time. Make sure to check the alarms with the newly installed batteries. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that may have expired.

- Be aware of poor visibility.

Falling leaves, while beautiful, can obscure vision, as can rain and fog. Shorter days are part of the fall season, making it more difficult to see children playing or people walking and riding bicycles.

Be aware of limitations in your visibility, and slow down if you can't see well. Use your dimmed headlights in bad weather with decreased visibility. If possible, try not to be on the roads when it's dif-

ficult to see.

- Watch for children.

Youngsters love to play in piles of leaves, so use extra caution where leaves are piled at curbside. Also, the school bus will be making its rounds now that school is back in session. In addition to educating children about back-to-school safety, it's important to stay vigilant as a driver.

- Slow down on wet pavement.

Rain is common during autumn. When it's raining, keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. Wet roads make it more difficult to stop. When wet leaves are on roadways, they make the pavement slippery, making it difficult to get good traction.

- Be prepared for bright sunlight.

When sunrise occurs later in the morning, it can present challenges for drivers. Keeping a pair of sunglasses in the vehicle to wear when the sun is bright is a good strategy. If it becomes too difficult to see because of bright sunlight or glare, pull over until you can see clearly.

- Watch out for ice.

As temperatures drop at night, a driver will need to spend extra time in the morning scraping frost off the vehicle. Shady spots on the roadway may be home to black ice, which a driver may not be aware of until the car starts to skid.

Remember, cooler days and longer nights of autumn are finally here. It's critically important to prepare now for what lies ahead.

For more information, visit the Installation Safety Office at its new location, 8501 Simonds St., or go to ftmeade.army.millstaffiso, or call 301-677-2396. You also can email Fechter at kirk.m.fechter.civ@mail.mil.



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Commander's Open Door

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley has an open door policy.

All service members, retirees, government employees, family members or community members age 18 or older are invited to address issues or concerns to the commander directly by visiting Foley's office on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at garrison headquarters in Hodges Hall, Bldg. 4551, Llewellyn Avenue.

Visitors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 301-677-4844.

Service members report delays in overseas car shipments

By Lisa R. Rhodes
Staff Writer

In June, a Soldier and his wife went through a permanent change-of-duty-station from Europe to Fort Meade.

Before traveling to the United States, the couple delivered their car to International Auto Logistics, the company responsible for transporting vehicles owned by military personnel.

However, when they arrived at Fort Meade a few weeks later, their car had not been delivered. When the Soldier called IAL to find out what happened, he was told that his vehicle could not be located.

In late August, the Soldier's colleagues suggested he take his complaint to Fort Meade's Inspector General's Office.

But he discovered he is not alone.

Service members from all branches are experiencing delays in the shipment of their cars from overseas by IAL, according to military.com. The Georgia-based company is contracted by DoD to process, transport and store privately owned vehicles for military personnel and DoD civilian employees who are bound for, or returning from, overseas duty assignments.

To sort out the problem, the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, which is responsible for planning and executing the surface delivery of service members' equipment and supplies, and the U.S. Transportation Command, which provides air, land and sea transportation for the DoD in times of war and peace, stood up a team of transportation experts in August.

Service members and DoD civilians have reported problems with the receipt of their cars since IAL was awarded the \$305 million contract in May.

"In most cases, the privately owned vehicles are just arriving late, in others the POVs have gone missing for months on end," said Lt. Col. Frank Walker, Fort Meade's detailed inspector general, who contacted IAL on the Soldier's behalf to locate his car.

According to a DoD website, SDDC officials "acknowledge the transfer to the new POV contractor did not go as smoothly as it could have."

The contract, originally set to start late last year — a slow time for vehicle transfers — was delayed until the spring when American Auto Logistics, the previous contractor, protested the contract award to IAL, according to military.com.

Doug Tipton, president and CEO of IAL, told the military website that the company was experiencing problems handling the large number of personal vehicles from service members, which totaled 22,000 in July (a third of which were transitioned from the previous contractor), "because new employees who were hired days before the contract was set to start did not receive adequate training."

Tipton attributed problems in tracking vehicles to "staff errors or data entered incorrectly by workers on ships that are transporting the vehicles."

According to military.com, of the total number of vehicles handled by IAL in July, 12,000 were in transit, 5,000 had been delivered, 3,000 were awaiting shipment and 2,000 were awaiting pickup.

Service members and DoD civilians can verify whether their vehicle has arrived at its designated IAL vehicle processing center on the projected delivery date by checking the IAL vehicle tracking website at <http://www.pcsmy-pov.com>.

Walker said the biggest concern among patrons is the reimbursement for rental

cars.

Reimbursement for the first seven days beyond the vehicle's designated delivery date is provided by the military. Compensation is limited to \$30 per day with a maximum reimbursement of \$210.

Walker said service members and DoD civilians can file claims for car rentals through their servicing transportation office.

After the first seven days, however, the liability of rental car service shifts to IAL. Walker said that since it has been reported that IAL has taken more than two days to arrange for a rental car, patrons can rent a vehicle at their own expense and later file an "inconvenience claim" with IAL.

The vehicle owner can file an inconvenience claim with IAL for any expenses associated with the delay such as a rental car, lodging or any other associated costs.

The claim can be filed at the IAL vehicle processing center when the patron picks up the car or online.

Walker said that either way, patrons should contact IAL via email at claims@ialpov.us and describe the details of

their situation. They also should email: Mike Todd at mike.todd@ialpov.us and Karen Olsen at karen.olsen@ialpov.us from IAL.

To file a claim online, the inconvenience claim form can be found on IAL's website under the Frequently Asked Questions link at <http://pcsmypov.com/FAQ>. Select "Claims," then select "Inconvenience Claims."

For more information, patrons should contact the SDDC POV Response Team at usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.pov-ig-response@mail.mil. The response team was set up to handle IAL's POV problems.

In regard to the Soldier who arrived at Fort Meade, IAL found his car. Once the vehicle was located at the IAL vehicle processing center in Norfolk, Va., it was delivered to Baltimore two weeks ago.

Walker said service members and DoD civilians experiencing similar problems also can contact his office for help.

Editor's note: To contact the Inspector General's Office, call 301-677-7393 or 5030.

Information for this article was taken from military.com and defense.gov.



SOLDIER READINESS PROCESSING

Staff Sgt. Jason Cox, a human resources noncommissioned officer with U.S. Cyber Command, reviews benefit information with Chief Warrant Officer 5 James Jeter, U.S. Cyber Command's deputy fire and targeting chief, on Wednesday at McGill Training Center.

Cox is one of more than 3,000 Soldiers taking part in Fort Meade's Soldier Readiness Processing, an annual exercise that updates medical and immunization records of Fort Meade's active-duty Soldiers. The SRP, which began Friday and ends today, is designed to help Soldiers maintain up-to-date medical records for deployments and assists commanders in identifying and correcting issues that hurt unit readiness.

PHOTO BY STEVE ELLMORE

'Rising to the Occasion'

National Disability Awareness promotes workplace equality

By Shari Rosen
Staff Writer

The audience anxiously waited as Juliette Rizzo elevated her standing wheelchair until she was level with the microphone at the podium.

"I am rising to the occasion, just like

you should for people with disabilities," said Rizzo, deputy director of special partnerships and events for the Department of Education.

Rizzo was the keynote speaker at Fort Meade's National Disability Awareness event held Wednesday afternoon at Club



PHOTO BY STEVE ELLMORE

Juliette Rizzo, in a standing wheelchair, spoke about the difficulties disabled individuals face in the workplace at Fort Meade's National Disability Awareness event. Sponsored by the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, the program was held Wednesday at Club Meade and included a performance by the Hugh Gregory Gallagher Motivational Theatre.

Meade.

The program also featured a question-and-answer session as well as a performance by the Hugh Gregory Gallagher Motivational Theatre, a traveling troupe that addresses preconceived notions about the disabled.

The installation's Equal Opportunity Office hosted the event in observance of National Disability Awareness Month, which is held in October. The goal is to educate the community about the rights of disabled individuals and how they should be treated as equals.

"Overall, I thought [the event] was great," said Maliaka Mason, child nutritionist for Child, Youth and School Services. "It was very inspirational."

Mason explained how she suffers from cerebral palsy and scoliosis, but refuses to allow these difficulties stand in the way of her education and success. Mason said she has been a nutritionist for CYSS for 10 years, despite being told she would never be successful in an office environment.

The inspiring program began with a welcome by Theresa Rodriguez, a Family Readiness support assistant for the 902 Military Intelligence Group, and a rendition of the national anthem by Tynette Pierre of the Defense Information Systems Agency.

Chaplain (Maj.) James Covey delivered the invocation, stressing the importance of accepting everyone's differences.

"Allow us to see the gifts and talents in everyone around us," Covey said.

After the invocation, Deputy Garrison Commander John Moeller gave opening remarks and introduced the Hugh Gregory Gallagher Motivational Theatre, which performed the one-act play "Mr. Parsons, Meet Mr. Hawkins."

In this play, CEO Parsons becomes overwhelmed when Timothy J. Hawkins, a potential job candidate for the public affairs officer position, shows up to his interview in a wheelchair. During their brief conversation, Hawkins, portrayed by actor Zachary Schlag, explains why his disability will not prevent him from performing the functions of the job.

"As someone without a disability, you take a lot of things for granted," said Schlag during the question-and-answer session after the performance.

During her speech, Rizzo, who graduated from Texas A&M University, addressed the many challenges she has confronted in the business world as a person with a disability.

She told the story of when her boss at an advertising agency moved her from a beautiful office to a dirty storeroom on

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Shawn Gill
Air Force civilian

the ground floor so the secretary could push her wheelchair to the cafeteria and the bathroom. Rizzo said she was required to leave her wheelchair outside the room during meetings so board members would not know she was handicapped.

Refusing to linger on the negative, Rizzo recalled positive experiences throughout her career such as being named "Miss Wheelchair America" and meeting anchor Ted Koppel during a filming of the TV news program "Nightline."

"I remember the journalist who set high expectations for me," Rizzo said.

Rizzo explained that she overcomes barriers by refusing to focus on the "nos" she receives in life.

"It's not about the 'no'; it's about how we get to the 'yes!'" Rizzo enthusiastically boomed. "It's not about the percentages; it's about putting a face to those percentages."

Rizzo encouraged the audience to remember that disabled individuals can perform the same tasks as the able-bodied and should be treated the same way.

"Do you set high expectations for your Soldiers returning?" Rizzo asked. "For your Soldiers returning with disabilities?"

She continued to lob hard-hitting questions to the audience, challenging preconceived notions and stereotypes.

"Can a person with a disability be a general?"

"Can a person with a disability be the president?"

After the program, Moeller presented Rizzo and the theater troupe with glass plaques for their contributions to the day's celebration.

"It was very inspirational for me because I am newly disabled and have been uncomfortable," said Air Force civilian Shawn Gill from Gaithersburg.

"The inspiration [Rizzo] gave me was wonderful, and now I know I'm not alone and that I cannot allow my disability to get me down."

Community Crime Watch

Compiled by the Fort Meade Directorate of Emergency Services

Oct. 5, Wrongful damage of private property: Person(s) unknown by unknown means damaged and removed the subject's walkway lights from the front of her house.



Oct. 4, Driving while impaired by alcohol, driving while under influence of alcohol: Police were dispatched to a security gate for a suspected DUI. Upon arrival, police made contact with the subject and detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage and slurred speech. His eyes were glassy. Police had the driver exit the vehicle to conduct Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, which were subsequently terminated because the driver was unable to safely perform the tests. The driver was then transported to the Directorate of Emergency Services, where he refused to submit a breath sample.

For week of Sept. 29-Oct. 5:

- Moving violations: 36
- Nonmoving violations: 12
- Verbal warnings for traffic stops: 44
- Traffic accidents: 7
- Driving on suspended license: 1
- Driving on suspended registration: 0
- Driving without a license: 2



PHOTO BY NAVY MASS COMMUNICATION SPC. 2ND CLASS ZACH ALLAN

FULL INSPECTION

Sgt. Cassandra Gonzalez, a Fort Meade investigator, renders a salute to Col. Marcus L. Brown, superintendent of the Maryland State Police, during the police department's annual formal inspection in Annapolis. Soldiers from Fort Meade's 200th Military Police Detachment also participated in the inspection. Fort Meade's Directorate of Emergency Services and the Maryland State Police have a long-standing partnership to provide emergency service for Fort Meade and its surrounding communities.

Utility scams: Don't get left in the dark

By Jane M. Winand
Chief, Legal Assistance Division

As we head into autumn and anticipate storms, the Federal Trade Commission is warning consumers about the newest scam that involves utilities such as water, heat, lights and cable.

The scam works like this: After severe weather takes out your utilities, someone dressed in a utility company uniform comes to your house during the outage and offers to reconnect your service in exchange for cash.

It may strike you as strange that the "employee" is asking for cash, but perhaps he explains that the utility company's power is also disrupted and can't use its computers to process payments in the usual fashion.

The "employee" is dressed in the proper work uniform and sounds official. Besides, you are desperate to get your power back. You pay the cash and wait for the restoration of your service. And you wait and you wait.

The "employee" who took your cash payment has vanished. Eventually, the utility company restores your service, along with service to all of your neighbors, and you realize you were scammed.

Scammers will prey on consumers when we are most vulnerable. Since we really rely on our utilities, we may jump at any chance to get reconnected to resume our normal lives.

Consider the following tips to avoid being cheated by utility scammers:

1. The standard procedure for the utility company is to notify you in advance if a representative will be coming to your home.

Although adverse weather may have terminated your power, you can still get notices on a cellphone or a battery-powered computer.

2. If someone suddenly appears at your front door claiming to be a utility company employee, immediately contact the company and confirm that the visit has been authorized.

Do not let the employee into your home and do not pay any money until the legitimacy of the visit has been confirmed by the utility provider.

3. Do not pay cash to anyone who comes to your home offering to restore your ser-

vice.

The person may be wearing a utility uniform and even display what he claims is a utility company identification card. Legitimate utility company employees do not ask for cash payments. If there is a charge for the restoration service, which is highly unlikely, the company will bill you in the usual fashion.

If you have been the victim of a utility scam, you may file a complaint online with the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov or with your state Consumer Protection Division.

You also may schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney at the Fort Meade Legal Assistance Office at 301-677-9504 or 301-677-9536.



PHOTOS BY PHIL GROUT

Members of the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon perform a series of precision marching and rifle handling during the annual Toys for Tots kickoff event that also featured live music and an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Hundreds turn out for Toys for Tots kickoff

By Navy Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class Zach Allan
Fort Meade Public Affairs Office

After an hour of donations of Christmas gifts for local children, Santa himself and Mrs. Claus unveiled the back of a large pickup truck filled with dozens of games, dolls and other new toys.

The donations kicked off the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

About 300 community members turned out for the event Sunday at the Pavilion. Sponsored by the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation for the Anne Arundel County region, the kickoff also featured live music and a performance by the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon.

The Toys for Tots Program annually collects an average of 325,000 new, unwrapped toys from the Anne Arundel region alone, said event organizer Marine Capt. Peter Smith, resource manager for the Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion.

“Everyone can and should go [online] to www.toysfortots.org, where they can find directions on how to donate to a specific campaign,” Smith said. “And just about all of the Marine commands on post are participating, from [Defense Information School] and [Defense Media Activity] to the various Marine elements at the [National Security Agency]. They should all have collection boxes out.”

According to the Toys for Tots website, the main mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is to assist the Marine Corps in “providing a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas time. This assistance includes supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program by raising funds to provide toys to supplement the collections of local Toys for Tots campaigns, to provide promotional and support material, and defray the costs of conducting annual Toys for Tots campaigns.”

By the end of the day, around 300 toys



Mrs. Claus and her elf add toys to the Toys for Tots collection box Sunday at the Pavilion during the kickoff for the annual toy drive sponsored by the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation for the Anne Arundel County region. About 300 toys were donated during the hourlong event.

were donated Sunday.

Capping the midday event was a performance by the Marine Silent Drill Platoon, which left the audience cheering for more. The performance featured a series of preci-

sion marching and rifle handling to great applause.

“The guys flipping the guns was awesome,” said Eli Allan, 5, of Normandy Bluffs.

Journalists help DINFOS guide future spokespersons

Story and photos by
Navy Lt. Cmdr. Karen E. Eifert
Defense Information School

Two prominent television journalists were featured in a media panel held Oct. 3 at the Defense Information School.

Their participation played a vital role in guiding 57 Department of Defense and international public affairs officers toward more effective media interactions.

The guests included Rosiland Jordan, a 24-year veteran journalist who covers military and foreign policy for *Al Jazeera*, and Patrick Murphy, a former congressman who hosts MSNBC's "Taking the Hill," a cable TV show that addresses veteran issues.

The speakers took more than 90 minutes of questions from Public Affairs Qualification Course students.

"We're extremely honored to have such esteemed journalists take time out of their busy schedules to engage with our military communicators, who will soon serve across the force and in the fleet, sharing the stories of our military with global audiences," said DINFOS Commandant Col. Jeremy M. Martin.

DINFOS invites journalists to its media panels during each of the five resident PAQC courses. The courses are conducted annually to share media practices and help students learn how to work effectively with global media.

In their opening statements, Murphy and Jordan emphasized the importance of building relationships with the media, long before crises arise. Jordan cited Pentagon spokesperson Rear Adm. John Kirby as a role model for other PAOs to follow.

"He's the real deal," she said. "He doesn't cut corners. He's blunt, but he's also honest. He understands reporters are under pressure and will give you five minutes behind closed doors."

Murphy agreed that relationships can make or break a PAO, but he also provided students with useful tips for effectively pitching stories to the media.

"Have empathy for the reporters," Murphy said jokingly. "Be willing to think outside of the box. A training exercise is not necessarily news."

Murphy said he likes covering infrastructure issues and stories that save lives. He also acknowledged that journalistically, stories are more interesting when you "hook the sexy with the unsexy."

Murphy and Jordan answered foreign policy questions from students, most of



(Left) Defense Information School Commandant Col. Jeremy M. Martin talks with Patrick Murphy, host of "Taking the Hill" on MSNBC, and Al Jazeera reporter Rosiland Jordan before the journalists spoke at a media panel for 57 Public Affairs Qualification Course students on Oct. 3. Martin shows the journalists a letter written by former Vice President Walter Mondale after the 1952 DINFOS graduate was inducted into the DINFOS Hall of Fame last year.

whom will soon begin their first tour of duty as military spokespersons.

"Do you feel as though you are giving terrorists a platform from which to operate when you report?" Maj. Fozia Purveen of the Pakistan army asked Jordan.

"We put all of the information out there," Jordan said. "It would be irresponsible for the media not to tell leaders what ISIL is doing."

Richard Kotecki, a civilian Army spokesperson and PAQC student, commented on how Al Jazeera transformed from being viewed as a biased news outlet to one that is more objective.

"That's amazing," Kotecki said. "What all went into that PR strategy?"

Jordan suggested that the media outlet's improved image had much to do with hard work and consistently producing a strong product. She also said that someone will always criticize your work.

"I just keep my head down and work hard," Jordan said. "Whatever you do, don't ever let people be able to criticize the substance of your work."



Patrick Murphy, host of MSNBC's "Taking the Hill," talks with Public Affairs Qualification Course students Patricia Muntean (left) and Ganesa Robinson (right) after he and Al Jazeera reporter Rosiland Jordan participated in a media panel for Defense Information School students Oct. 3.



PHOTOS BY STEVE RUARK

(Right) Staff Sgt. Lawrence Reynolds places a tiara on the head of his 7-year-old daughter Kendra at the Father Daughter Ball on Saturday at Club Meade. The girls decorated their own tiaras with crystals, stars and sparkles and were given princess wands.

Having A Ball

Dancing, dresses, dessert highlight Meade's Father Daughter Ball

By Lisa R. Rhodes
Staff Writer

On Saturday evening, the ballroom at Club Meade was filled with young girls and preteens dressed in colorful party dresses and shiny shoes, and proud military and civilian fathers outfitted in dress uniforms and suits.

The fine fashions were all part of Fort Meade's first Father Daughter Ball. The four-hour event, open to girls of all ages, was sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"The idea behind it was that we knew other military installations had done this before and we wanted to bring it to Fort Meade," said Candace Godfrey, marketing manager at DFMWR. "We thought it would be a great opportunity for fathers and daughters to have a special night out."

Nearly 300 girls, teens and fathers attended the festive event, which featured a buffet dinner and an ice-cream sundae bar; a disc jockey and dancing; a magician; and a photographer, courtesy of Child, Youth and School Services.

In addition, an arts and crafts table

lined with colorful crystals, stars and sparkles allowed the girls to decorate their own tiara. The girls also were given princess wands.

The ballroom was decorated in a winter theme with white, blue and purple balloons, large paper snowflakes that hung from the chandeliers, and dinner tables covered with blue and white tablecloths. Each table featured a centerpiece of white and blue tree branches and a vase filled with white or blue crystal stones.

After dinner, fathers took their daughters by the hand for a spin on the dance floor. Some young ladies twirled and dipped to the upbeat music.

Throughout the evening, a CYSS photographer snapped photos of fathers and daughters, then gave them a copy as a keepsake.

"It's fun to be here and just experience what my dad knows, and that he would dress up in his uniform just to go to this dance for us," said Joelle Jackson, a third-grader at Manor View Elementary School. "That is just amazing."

The 9-year-old, who wore a deep blue dress with blue sparkles, came with her



father retired Master Sgt. John Jackson and her 3-year-old sister Taylor.

"This is the best part of being a father," Jackson said. "You show your daughter how a young man should take her on a date and how a young man should treat a date."

A highlight of the event was a magic show by Dave Thomen, a professional magician from Baltimore.

The show, entitled "D's Magic," featured optical illusions such as pulling a hard-boiled egg out of an empty satin bag and making a father's Rolex watch disappear.

"I like the balloons, the music and the magic show," said Kayla Slaughter, a sophomore at Woodbridge Senior High School in Woodbridge, Va.

The 15-year-old, who wore a black velvet dress with cap sleeves and a gold and silver crystal trim along the sweetheart neckline, said she spends a lot of quality time with her dad.

Kayla said she is proud that her father, Air Force Capt. Andre Slaugh-

ter of the 113th Medical Command at Andrews Air Force Base and a member of the Air National Guard, has such an important job.

"He communicates with people all around the world," Kayla said.

Slaughter, who works as deputy director of Network Services at the Defense Information Systems Agency, said it was his pleasure to escort his daughter to the ball.

"I did it 'cause she's beautiful, and I love her and want to spend some time together," he said. "I get to build a better bond and a better relationship."

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Robert Martinez of the Bureau of Medicine Command at Falls Church, Va., enjoyed a sundae with his 9-year-old daughter Lillie.

"It's just a good opportunity and a chance to dress up and spend some time with her," said Martinez, noting that a father's busy schedule can often conflict with the time he would like to spend with his daughter.

The ball, he said, was important to all



Staff Sgt. Noah Jacobs of Sykesville dances with his 7-year-old daughter Morgan in his arms.

LEFT: Fathers and daughters dance the night away at Fort Meade's first Father Daughter Ball at Club Meade. The four-hour event, sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, featured a disc jockey, magician, dinner and ice-cream sundae buffet, and a photographer.



Staff Sgt. William Natal and his 12-year-old daughter Nyla react to a magic trick by magician Dave Thomen at Saturday's Father Daughter Ball. Later in the evening, Thomen performed a magic show that featured optical illusions.

of the fathers because it was a chance to remind their daughters how special they are and how they deserve the very best in life and in a future mate.

"It's a good opportunity to set the example for what a daughter should look for in a mate as she gets older," Martinez said.

Lillie, who is home-schooled, wore a bright pink dress with a scalloped hemline and bright pink roses sewn along the T-strap top.

"It's nice just being with him," she said.

Godfrey said another Father Daughter Ball will be held sometime in the future.

The ball was so popular that parents wrote comments on the FMWR Facebook page later that evening.

One mother wrote that her husband and daughter "made wonderful memories" at the ball.

"I hope the girls had a special night with their dads and that it made them feel like little princesses," Godfrey said.



Staff Sgt. Rickey Hayden dances with his 3-year-old daughter Caitlynn. Many military fathers suited up in their dress uniforms, while the girls and preteens donned colorful party dresses.



Retired Master Sgt. John Jackson dances with his daughters Taylor, 3, and Joelle, 9.



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Carrie Warfel talks with Lady Antebellum lead singer Hillary Scott, while her sister Megan Galliher looks on in the background. Galliher entered her sister into the competition after reading about it on Facebook.

LEFT: Lady Antebellum lead singer Hillary Scott (center left) greets a surprised Carrie Warfel at Burba Lake park. Warfel, wife of DINFOS instructor Staff Sgt. Charles Warfel Jr. (center), was one of seven recipients of the band's "7For7" initiative to surprise seven fans over seven days. Warfel won because of her devotion to friends and family.



Members of Lady Antebellum speak with Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley, who heard about the surprise visit and wanted to express his gratitude to the band for visiting Fort Meade and honoring one of its service families.

Country band Lady Antebellum surprises fan at Fort Meade

By Shari Rosen
Staff Writer

According to her mother, Carrie Warfel hates surprises.

This characteristic, plus Warfel's generosity and devotion to her family and friends, made her the perfect candidate for NBC's "Today" show competition, "Lady A. Fan Secret."

Warfel's husband Staff Sgt. Charles Warfel Jr., an instructor at the Defense Information School, and sister Megan Galliher felt she was more than worthy of this recognition.

"I wrote to [to the show] about my sister," Galliher said. "I told them she's an Army wife, a mom of four, and she's helping out friends of theirs whose daughter has cancer by watching their boys when they're at the hospital."

Convinced she was attending a work barbecue for her husband, Warfel was shocked when the Grammy-winning country band Lady Antebellum greeted her at the pavilion

in Burba Lake park Oct. 2.

"I can't stop shaking," Warfel said with tears in her eyes.

The surprise at Fort Meade was part of Lady Antebellum's "7For7" initiative, in which the band surprised seven fans over the course of seven days to promote its new album "747."

"This is all about your husband and kids and what you do for your friends and family," lead singer Hillary Scott said to Carrie Warfel, while guitarist and instrumentalist Dave Haywood nodded in approval. "You're just an incredible mom and friend."

Before the event, Galliher drove her sister around the installation to stall for time while the band set up and prepared for its performance.

When she finally arrived at the pavilion, Warfel believed she would be attending a work function for her husband. However, as soon as the crowd separated, Lady Antebel-

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Hillary Scott, lead singer
Lady Antebellum

lum appeared sitting on a picnic bench, smiling and waving at Warfel.

Before performing, the three-member band invited the couple to attend the 50th Academy of Country Music Awards with them in Dallas.

The band also presented Warfel's husband, an instructor at the Defense Information School, with a new, red off-road vehicle.

The following morning, band members discussed their appearance at Fort Meade on the "Today" show and how happy they were to have the opportunity to honor Warfel for her commitment to friends and family.

Notified by Charles Warfel and the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office, community members, family, friends and Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley gathered at the pavilion to partake in the surprise.

The pavilion was adorned with streamers, flowers and a decorative chalkboard bearing Carrie Warfel's name. A free barbecue and dessert buffet were also provided.

"This is fun," said Charles Kelley, lead vocalist and guitarist for the band. "You all have some good food over here."

Even a large blanket was placed on the grass to create the illusion of an office picnic. Members of the band tossed around footballs with the couple's children and friends of the family.

"It's been hard to keep it a secret," said Charles Warfel, who found out about the surprise visit two weeks ago. "I was like, 'This isn't really going to happen to her.' But it has and I'm excited. It's a great thing."

Lady Antebellum took requests and played a few of its songs including "American Honey" and "Bartender." The band encouraged everyone to sing along. Warfel's four children — Kayla Scott, 17, Julius, 12, Alex, 8, and Payton, 6 — took full advantage of the opportunity to belt out lyrics.

After the mini-concert, the band posed for photos with fans and gave the Warfel family autographed copies of their new album.

"[Carrie's] gone through so much and just gives us so much," Kayla Scott said. "She's a great person."

Editor's note: To view video of the event, go to ladyantebellum.com/747 or MeadeTV for the week of Oct. 3.



Lady Antebellum and the "Today" show present Carrie Warfel's husband Staff Sgt. Charles Warfel Jr. with a new off-road vehicle. Band members told him how much they admired his service to his country.

LEFT: Hillary Scott, Dave Haywood and Charles Kelley of Lady Antebellum perform a concert Oct. 2 at Burba Lake park. The trio played some of its most popular songs such as "American Honey," "Bartender" and "I Run To You."

DINFOS instructors to compete in Army Ten-Miler

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Defense Information School

By day, they help train the next generation of the Department of Defense's public affairs specialists. But outside the classroom, they are training together to participate in one of the Army's most prestigious races.

Instructors at the Defense Information School will team together Sunday to compete in the 30th Annual Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C.

The 16 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines will not only represent their service during the race, but more importantly, they will represent DINFOS, where they serve in leadership and faculty positions.

"I have a lot of pride in being a 'DINFOS Trained Killer,'" said Air Force Capt. Kathleen Atanasoff, Detachment 2, 336th Training Squadron commander. "I also take a lot of pride in teaching here.

"I think it's fitting that we have a diverse team of instructors from different services because it kind of mirrors the joint environment we share in the school house."

Because so many instructors wanted to represent the school, participants were divided into two eight-person teams. One team consists of only male service members. The other team is a mix of male and female service members, along with a male DoD civilian, said Capt. Selina Meiners, a DINFOS instructor.

"To my knowledge this the first time DINFOS has ever fielded a team for the Army Ten-Miler," said Meiners, who has run this race two previous times while representing the Fort Meade team. "We are honored to participate in this esprit de corps event for Team DINFOS."

This year, DINFOS is also celebrating its 50th anniversary.

For five decades, the school has trained U.S. service members, as well as DoD civilians and international military service members and civilians, in public affairs, print journalism, photojournalism, photography, television and radio broadcasting, lithography, equipment maintenance and various forms of multimedia.

"I think our participation in the Army Ten-Miler is significant because we're representing both DINFOS and the DoD as one truly joint team," said Atanasoff, a six-year Air Force veteran who attended the school as a student when she was a second lieutenant.

"But also, we're representing our profession as professional communicators. There are a lot of people who might not know



Members of one of two Defense Information School's Army Ten-Miler teams pose for a photo Sept. 17 outside the school. From left: Maj. Travis Dettmer, Capt. Selina Meiners, Capt. Greg Wolf, Gary Sejour, Staff Sgt. Audric Burnett, Master Sgt. Jose Colon, Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Stumberg, Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael DiMestico and Staff Sgt. Esteban Sanchez. The team will participate Sunday in the 30th Annual Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C.

what DINFOS does or what it represents, so I think being able to wear a DINFOS T-shirt during the run will be really cool."

But T-shirts and race registration fees cost money, so in order to take part in the event, the team conducted fundraisers sponsored by the DINFOS Unit Fund Council to offset the costs associated with race day.

The team has been raising funds since April, and all the team members have stepped up to help the cause, Meiners said.

"It seems like once we solidified our teams, everyone started pitching in with the fundraising efforts," said team member Maj. Travis Dettmer. "I know it might sound hokey, but we are running on behalf of the school.

"The DINFOS students and staff have helped us reach our goal through these fundraisers and they played an important role in allowing us to represent them in the Army 10-Miler."

So while their days are filled with JPEGs

and communication plans, members of the DINFOS Army Ten-Miler team spend their early mornings and after hours hitting the asphalt and working out in the gym.

"I think we're coming together as a team and pushing each other to do better," Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Stumberg said. "It may be easier to train on your own, but I think we train better as a group and feed off the team's collective motivation and enthusiasm."

Army Ten-Miler Youth Run

Registration for the Army Ten-Miler Youth Run is now open.

A total of 400 registrations are available for the 100-meter and 200-meter noncompetitive youth runs that will be held Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the conclusion of the Army Ten-Miler race in the North Pentagon lot.

The 100-meter run is for children in kindergarten through third grade. The 200-meter run is for children in grades four to eight.

Registration is being conducted online at armytenmiler.com on a first-come, first-served basis.

Entry fee is \$15. Participants will receive a Champ-the-Cheetah T-shirt, race number and medal.

Packets must be picked up at the Army Ten-Miler Expo on Friday or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the D.C. Armory. Packets will not be mailed; they will not be available on race day.

Warm-ups and stretching for the youth run participants will begin Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the Youth Activities Zone.

Race weekend activities include the ATM Expo at the D.C. Armory, live music, youth activities and the popular Hooah Tent Zone. The expo is open to the general public and will feature more than 85 exhibitors and 35,000 attendees.

The Hooah Tent Zone is open race day to participating runners and will feature interactive displays and exhibits by Army installations from around the world.

For more information, go to armytenmiler.com or call 202-685-4645.



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FORWARD PROGRESS

Jimmy Porter of the 704th Military Intelligence Battalion runs past 781st MI Group defenders during a Fort Meade intramural football game played Sept. 29 at Donahue Field. The installation's Intramural Flag Football League has two weeks remaining in the regular season.

The 29th Intelligence Squadron's Black Knights are leading Division 1 with a 7-2 record, while the 32nd IS Blue Knights lead Division 2 with a 6-1 record. For a complete listing of team standings and schedules of upcoming games, visit DFMWR's Quick Scores website.

Sports Shorts

Youth Sports Homecoming

Youth Sports Homecoming will be held Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Youth Sports Complex.

For more information, call 301-677-1149 or 301-677-1156 or go to ftmeademwr.com.

Run Series continues

The Fort Meade Run Series continues with the Ghosts, Ghouls & Goblins 5K on Oct. 25 at 8 a.m. at the Fort Meade Pavilion, the Turkey Trot on Nov. 22 at 8 a.m. at Murphy Field House and the Reindeer Run 5K on Dec. 13 at Murphy Field House.

The pre-registration cost for individuals is \$15. Cost on the day of the run is \$25. The pre-registration cost for groups of seven to 10 is \$75. The pre-registration cost is \$45 for a family of three to six people. On the day of the event, the cost is \$60 per family.

All pre-registered runners will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call 301-677-7916.

CYSS winter sports

Registration for winter sports begins Wednesday.

Participants can register at the Central Registration Office at 1900 Reece Road or online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/meadecyms.html>.

For more information, call 301-677-1149 or 301-677-1156.

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Good dad, check

It seems last week's attempt at not jinxing my life was jinxed by my attempt at not being a jinx.

My flag football Lions were finally defeated by the Panthers and this short, blond dude who zigzagged through our defense like Bo Jackson in Super Tecmo Bowl. bit.ly/1vMItdY

Not to mention that my wife's three pages of parental notes did ensure I knew when the boys had to be at school, but failed to include actual directions to my son's preschool. So of course on Day One, I was driving up and down the Magothy trying to find his stinking co-op.

Then there's the Detroit Tigers. The Motor City Kitties were swept by the Orioles in the ALDS and proved once again how nothing can completely shatter a man's heart like baseball.

I am not sure if it is the length of the season filled with nightly dashes to the standing, following a team through its good times and bad, or the over-analysis of the minutiae involved in the game.

For example, what do you do in the late innings of a one-run game, runner on first and no outs? Bunt the guy over to second to get the man into scoring position; swing away and push the ball over to the right side of the infield; or load up and play for the big inning?

One thing you never do is try to steal second with no outs and the best hitter in the world on deck. That's just stupid. Yet Tigers manager Brad Ausmus does it all the time, and every time he does it, it fails miserably. (See Game 1 of the ALDS.)

Non-baseball fans fail to understand the drama tied to the game, and the unequalled devotion to the teams who play it. Most times, I want to shake those people sane, but not today.

Instead of focusing on them, or all that I've jinxed, or the little parts of my day that will go dormant until Spring Training, I want to focus on one person who does get baseball: my 6-year-old son.

YDJ and I skipped life and went to Game 2 on Friday. Up until Ausmus went back to his gas-can combo of Chamberlain to Soria in the eighth inning, it was a great day. The duo that turned Game 1's nail-biter into a beating outdid itself in Game 2 by blowing a three-run lead and sending the Tigers, and its fans, into a stupor they would not shake out of.

I was too stunned to have any emotion, so I just stood, dumb-founded, until I looked down at my boy. He was crying.

Seeing my oldest squirt tears is always a traumatic event. But as I walked out of Camden with the taunts and cheers of all the Orioles fans ringing in my ears, I couldn't help but feel a tinge of pride while my son's head was buried in the crook of my neck and his tears soaked my shirt.

That's because I knew he got it, and in turn, I had done my job as a dad.

Upon learning that my wife and I were having a boy, I knew there were some things I'd have to teach my son to ensure he was a good man: Be a good Muslim (courteous, courageous and kind), be chivalrous, and do right.

But truth be told, none of those things hold a candle to loving sports.

That may seem silly and small, just like sports are accused of being, but it's also how things are. It also makes sense.

Think about it. You all know me, and most of you probably know that kids do not listen to their parents. But now, even if my kid robs a bank, joins a cartel, or starts a rebellion, we'll have something to talk about while I'm visiting him in the clink.

I can see it now, my hand pressed to the glass while my ear is up to a hard plastic phone. My son is on the other side of the barrier doing the same while a hulking guard peers over his shoulder.

Me: Did you get your money for the commissary, son?

Son: Yep.

Me: Robbing and stealing are pretty stupid.

Son: Yep. Almost as dumb as Ausmus sending Joba back out to the mound in Game 2.

Me: Almost, son. Almost. Did you catch the game on Saturday?

Son: I missed a bit during shakedown, but the team looks good ...

If you have comments on this or anything else to do with sports, contact me at chad.t.jones.civ@mail.mil.



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COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTES

The deadline for Soundoff! community "News and Notes" is Friday at noon. All submissions are posted at the editor's discretion and may be edited for space and grammar. Look for additional community events on the Fort Meade website at www.ftmeade.army.mil and the Fort Meade Facebook page at [facebook.com/ftmeade](https://www.facebook.com/ftmeade).

NEW: For more information or to submit an announcement, email ftmeademediamedia@gmail.com or call Editor Dijon Rolle at 301-677-6806.

NEWS & EVENTS

Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Fair

Fort Meade will present a Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Fair on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborski Ave.

Naval Information Operations Command Maryland is hosting the event.

Admission is free and open to the public.

The cultural fair will feature live music, a traditional Peruvian dance, Hispanic nationality booths and a food sampling.

All Fort Meade service members and civilian employees are encouraged to attend with supervisory approval. Administrative leave is authorized.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Torey Palmore at 301-677 6687 or email torey.r.palmore@us.army.mil, or call Mechelle McGowan at 410-854-6595 or email mcg.mlm@gmail.com.

Army Family Action Plan

The Army Family Action Plan conference will held Oct. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Conference delegates are made up of active-duty service members, members of the Reserve and National Guard, retirees, Department of the Army civilians, family members and surviving spouses.

The Army Family Action Plan is an Armywide initiative to identify issues or concerns to improve the overall quality of life for active-duty, Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers, retirees, family members and Department of the Army civilians.

In addition to identifying the most critical well-being issues facing the Army today, the process presents the issues

along with possible solutions to senior Army leadership for resolution.

Delegates review and prioritize issues, which are presented to the garrison commander during the out-brief session at the end of the conference.

Volunteer delegates must attend AFAP conference training on Oct. 16 from noon to 4 p.m.

Quality-of-life issues must be submitted by Oct. 16.

To submit forms to participate in the AFAP or for more information, email Carie Green, AFAP program manager, at carie.c.green.civ@mail.mil or call 301-677-6935 or 301-677-5590.

Red Ribbon Week

In observance of Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31, the Army Substance Abuse Program will host a Red Ribbon kickoff program Oct. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the McGill Training Center ballroom.

The event provides an opportunity for communities to unite and take a visible stand against substance abuse, and to show personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the red ribbon.

The ASAP is seeking volunteers to help place ribbons and signs around the installation, symbolizing unity to maintain a drug-free community.

To volunteer, call Samson Robinson at 301-677-7983 or Latonia Stallworth at 301-677-7982.

Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon

The Retired Officers' Wives' Club and co-sponsors are sponsoring the annual Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon on Nov. 1 at Club Meade.

Socializing will be from 9:45-10:20 a.m. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Cost is \$30. Reservations are required by Oct. 24.

Co-sponsors include the Association of the U.S. Army, Enlisted Spouses Club, Officers' Spouses' Club, Military Officers Association of America and the Military Order of the World Wars.

The keynote speaker is Carolyn M. Clancy, interim undersecretary for health for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Jay Thompson will perform a patriotic musical tribute.

This event is for all ranks, veterans, family, friends and the civilian community.

Tables seat 10 and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests wishing to sit together must submit payment and reservation forms in the

same envelope.

For reservations or more information, call co-chairpersons Lianne Roberts at 301-464-5498 or Genny Bellinger at 410-674-2550.

Flu vaccinations

Influenza vaccinations will be provided throughout the month:

- Active-duty Soldiers: Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McGill Training Center
- Active-duty service members in the Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard: Tuesday through Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McGill Training Center
- Tricare beneficiaries (excluding Johns Hopkins Prime): Oct. 20-24, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McGill Training Center

For more information, call 301-677-8661 or go to www.kacc.narmc.amedd.army.mil.

EDUCATION

Threat-awareness training

Fort Meade garrison security personnel and the 902d Military Intelligence Group will conduct the Army's Threat Awareness and Reporting Program annual training for all Department of Army personnel on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the McGill Training Center ballroom and Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Post Theater.

DA personnel includes active-duty, Reserve and National Guard service members, DA civilian employees and DA contractors.

All garrison and non-garrison units are encouraged to take advantage of this training opportunity.

For more information, email earkin.m.leslie@mail.mil.

Commissioning Briefs

U.S. Army Recruiting Command Commissioning Briefs will be held on the following dates:

- Oct. 16 from 1-2:30 p.m., Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center classroom
- Oct. 17 from 8:30-10 a.m., Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center classroom

The Army Medical Department presentation will include the Interservice Physician Assistant Program, the AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program, the Health Professions Scholarship Program, and masters in social work and physical

therapy programs.

Registration is not required. For more information, email Ramon.S.Bradshaw.mil@mail.mil

Lunch and Learn Series

Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center will host its next brown bag Lunch and Learn Series on Tuesday at noon on the first floor of the Rascon Building, adjacent to Kimbrough.

The topic is "Nutritional Supplements vs. Food: Showdown of the Decade!" and features Nancy Reed of Nutrition Education at Kimbrough.

For more information, call Maj. Anne Spillane at 301-677-8463.

Autism Education Series

Pathways Autism Education Series is offering a free two-day seminar designed for military parents or caregivers of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

The seminar will be held Oct. 21-22 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Rascon Training Room, 2481 Llewellyn Ave.

- Day 1: Assessing and Managing Challenging Behaviors
- Day 2: Choosing and Using Evidence-Based Practices for the Treatment of Children

Preregistration is required.

To register, call Allison Judd at 301-677-8086 or email Allison.m.judd.civ@mail.mil.

Domestic Violence Awareness events

The following Domestic Violence Awareness events are being offered:

- Women's Empowerment Group: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Oct. 22 or 29 from 2-4 p.m. at Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave.
- Hands Are Not For Hitting: Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. at Child Development Center II and Oct. 22 from 10-11 a.m. at CDC III
- Healthy Relationships: Today from 10-11 a.m. at the Teen Center
- Youth Domestic Violence Video: Oct. 21 and Oct. 30 from 3-4 p.m. at the Youth Center
- "1, 2, 3 - Magic Parenting": Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave.
- "Scream-Free Marriage Dating Game": Oct. 30 from 1-4 p.m. at the Soldier & Family Assistance Center, 85th Medical Battalion Ave.

For more information, call 301-677-5590/4117/4124/4118.

YOUTH

Storytime

The Children's Library offers pre-kindergarten Storytime on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Kuhn Hall, 4415 Llewellyn Ave.

- Today: "Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives" - Celebrating Fire Prevention Week with fire safety stories and guests
- Oct. 16: "Busy Little Squirrels" - Storytime about squirrels

For more information, call 301-677-5677.

RECREATION

Out & About

• The 4th Annual Cancer and Compassion Ministry Tea will be held Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Odenton Church of God, 1460 Berger St., Odenton. If you or a loved one has been affected by cancer or any medical issues, come and be blessed. Contribution is \$15.

For more information, call 630-660-7628 or email newhattitude@gmail.com

• Better Opportunities for Single Service Members (BOSS) is sponsoring a trip to "Field of Screams" in Olney on Oct. 18 from 5:45-11 p.m. Deadline to register is today. The free event is open to all single service members. For more information, go to ftmeademwr.com.

• The Anne Arundel County Public Library offers several programs.

"Patterns, Patterns, Everywhere!" Explore the world of patterns with books, activities and a craft today at 7 p.m. at Russett Community Library in Maryland City.

"Ask a Master Gardener": Bring your bug, weed or plant in a sealed plastic bag for analysis on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crofton Community Library.

"Sensory Storytime" for ages 3 to 7 with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues or other developmental disabilities on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Crofton Community Library. Registration is required; space is limited. Call 410-222-7915.

For a complete listing of AACPL programs, go to aacpl.net.

MEETINGS

• **Fort Meade E9 Association** meets the second Friday of every month at 7 a.m. in

the Pin Deck Cafe at the Lanes. The next meeting is Friday. The association is open to active, retired, Reserve and National Guard E9s of any uniformed service. All E9s in this area are invited to attend a breakfast and meet the membership. For more information, go to e9association.org.

• **Meade Branch 212 of the Fleet Reserve Association** meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. The next meeting is Saturday. Active-duty, Reserve and retired members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are invited.

For more information, call 443-604-2474 or 410-768-6288.

• **New Spouse Connection** meets the second Monday of every month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave. The next meeting is Monday. The program provides an opportunity for all spouses new to the military or to Fort Meade to meet and get connected. For more information, contact Pia Morales at pia.s.morales.civ@mail.mil or 301-677-4110.

• **Calling All Dads** meets the second and fourth Monday of every month from 4 to 5 p.m. at Potomac Place Neighborhood Center, 4998 2nd Corps Blvd. The next meeting is Monday.

The group is for expecting fathers, and fathers with children of all ages. Children welcome. For more information, call 301-677-5590 or email colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil.

• **Marriage Enrichment Group**, sponsored by Army Community Service, meets the second and fourth Monday of every month from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave. The next meeting is Monday. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobgood at 301-677-5590.

• **NARFE Chapter 1519** will meet Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church hall at 7436 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Glen Burnie. The speaker is a representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Active members are needed. For more information, call Diane Shreves, publicity chairman, at 410-760-3750.

• **Military District of Washington Sergeant Audie Murphy Club** meets the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Dining Facility in Virginia. The next meeting is Wednesday. All members and those interested in joining the club are welcome. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Erica Lehmkuhl at erica.lehmkuhl@us.army.mil

or 301-833-8415.

• **Officers' Spouses' Club** monthly luncheon will be held Oct. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Club Meade. The luncheon will feature a murder mystery, "Cafe Murder." Help solve the mystery while enjoying good food and good conversation.

Registration is required. Cost is \$18, payable by cash or check at the door. For more information, go to <http://www.fortmeadeosc.org/events>.

• **Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is Oct. 16 from 1 to 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the America Building, River Conference Room (next to the Prostate Center), third floor.

Spouses/partners are invited. Military ID is required for base access. Men without a military ID should call the Prostate Center at 301-319-2900 at least two days prior to the event for base access.

For more information, call retired Col. Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or email jane.l.hudak.ctr@health.mil.

• **Meade Area Garden Club** will meet Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Jessup Community Hall at the corner of Route 175 and Wigley Avenue.

Leslie Rucker, a master gardener, will present the program "Living with Deer." Reservations are not required. Refreshments will be served.

Those interested in the club may attend one program before joining for the annual fee of \$20. If Anne Arundel County public schools are closed or opening late due to inclement weather, the monthly meeting is canceled.

For more information, call Jennifer Garcia, membership chairman, at 443-949-8348 or Sharon Durney, club president, at 410-761-5019.

• **Swinging Squares Square Dance Club** dances the first and third Saturday of the month from 7:30-10 p.m. through May at Meade Middle School. The next dance is Oct. 18. Admission is \$6. Square dance attire is optional.

Dance classes are offered Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Meade Middle School. Each class costs \$6.

For more information, call Darlene at 410-519-2536 or Carl at 410-271-8776.

• **Families Dealing with Deployment** meets the first and third Monday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Meuse Forest Neighborhood Center. Children welcome. The next meeting is Oct. 20. For more information, call 301-677-5590 or email colaina.townsend.ctr@mail.mil.

The movie schedule is subject to change. For a recorded announcement of showings, call 301-677-5324. Further listings are available on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service website at www.aafes.com.

Movies start Fridays and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

PRICES: Tickets are \$5.50 for adults (12 and older) and \$3 for children. 3D Movies: \$7.50 adults, \$5 children.

Today through Oct. 19

Friday: "As Above, So Below" (R). When a team of explorers ventures into the catacombs that lie beneath the streets of Paris, they uncover the dark secret that lies within this city of the dead. With Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman, Edwin Hodge.

Saturday: "The November Man" (R). An ex-CIA operative is brought back in on a very personal mission and finds himself pitted against his former pupil in a deadly game involving high-level CIA officials and the Russian president-elect. With Pierce Brosnan, Luke Bracey, Olga Kurylenko.



Sunday: "When The Game Stands Tall" (PG). The journey of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur, who took the De La Salle High School Spartans from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport. With Jim Caviezel, Alexander Ludwig, Michael Chiklis.

Oct. 17, 19: "The Identical" (PG). Twin brothers are unknowingly separated at birth; one of them becomes an iconic rock 'n' roll star, while the other struggles to balance his love for music and pleasing his father. With Blake Rayne, Ray Liotta, Ashley Judd.

Oct. 18: "Dolphin Tale 2" (PG). The team of people who saved Winter's life reassemble in the wake of her surrogate mother's passing in order to find her a companion so she can remain at the Clearwater Marine Hospital. With Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Nathan Gamble.