



### A Tribute to the Fallen

23 June 2023, the [Fort Meade Sergeant Audie Murphy Recipients](#) Club hosted the 2023 Tribute to the Fallen, honoring fallen service members. Participants placed boots along the walkway leading up to the flagpole on the Parade Field to represent the story and service of military loved ones who were lost.



### KABOOM Playground gets a new Facelift

FGGM Community members collective efforts have transformed Kaboom Playground into a vibrant and joyful space for all to enjoy!

## FGGM Celebrates 248th Army Birthday



(Left) Fort George G. Meade Garrison Commander, Col. Michael Sapp led nearly 1,000 Soldiers on a 3-mile run on 14 June in celebration of the U.S. Army 248th Birthday. (Right) Soldiers from across Fort Meade attended a cake cutting ceremony at the Freedom Inn Dining Facility to celebrate the U.S. Army 248th birthday - SSG Evans E. Proctor Jr., 125th Cyber Protection Battalion, and PFC Jennifer Posy, U.S. Army Public Affairs Center Student Company, assisted Garrison Commander COL Michael Sapp and CSM Andre Welch in cutting the cake.

## Commander's Call suggestion leads to a resolution



The Road barricades in front of the Thrift Shop on Llewellyn Street removed to ease the traffic flow for patrons.

A community member brought up a suggestion for the GC during the May Commander's Call – "Will consideration be given to open Llewellyn Street in front of the thrift store? The street behind the thrift store is a tight turn and driving because of the fence that was put up due to construction. The construction is slated to last more than a year and a half."

**Result:** "I see that someone agreed with and approved of my suggestion to help with the desire to ease the flow of traffic around the construction area next to 780th. Thank you all for listening and the actions taken. Not a lot of people are aware of the barriers being moved. Once they notice, they too will be excited and use it more. - Thank you for your attention to this matter."

### U.S. Naval Academy Photo Lab Services

Full Length photo (*service records/special applications*)

Wednesday and Friday from 0900 to 1500, by appointment.

Official Passport photo (*Official use/travel ONLY. NO personal travel*)

Tuesday and Thursday from 0900 to 1500, by appointment.

To schedule an appointment, call 410-293-3572

### Fort Meade Career Opportunities

Whether you're looking to advance your career or interested in referring our opportunities to your qualified friends and coworkers, Open and Available jobs are posted on USAG DHR SharePoint and on USA Jobs.

Check out the DHR SharePoint page at: <https://armyeitaas.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/IMCOM-ID-S-USAG-Meade/SitePages/Civilian-Personnel-%26-Awards.aspx>

### Safety Corner Safety Tip of the Week

#### Practice Smart Home Safety

Summertime is a prime time for vacations. It's also a prime time for residential burglaries. Consider setting up light timers at your home to deter would-be criminals from breaking-and-entering. Additionally, having motion lights and nighttime landscape lighting can deter criminals as well.

## MOLD IDENTIFICATION AND REMEDIATION RESOURCES



The Army's Installation Management Command (IMCOM) is implementing a comprehensive and enduring plan to inform and educate Soldiers, Families, and Civilians about how they can help counter the presence of mold in all Army facilities before the summer, when mold presents the highest risk to our people, and facilities.

The Army is committed to providing safe quality housing, barracks, and other facilities for our Soldiers, Families, and civilians. A critical aspect of this commitment is ensuring all facilities are free of hazardous mold.

As the Army Materiel Command (AMC) major subordinate command responsible for managing the Regular Army's infrastructure and for overseeing the Army's privatized housing projects, Installation Management Command (IMCOM) has undertaken a holistic, global effort to reduce the risk of hazardous mold in Army facilities and housing.

This effort has been informed by the Army's public health experts and is grounded in the Army Public Health Center's (APHC) Technical Guides 277 titled "Army Mold Remediation Guidance," and 278 titled "Mold Assessment Guide."

For additional information, visit:

[https://home.army.mil/meade/Mold\\_ID\\_and\\_Remediation\\_Resource](https://home.army.mil/meade/Mold_ID_and_Remediation_Resource)



### Considering retirement?

OPM Retirement Center - OPM is here to help you transition from serving the American people to enjoying your retirement. These links are useful to new and existing retirees throughout their retirement journey.

### My Annuity and Benefits

This section provides information useful to retirees and their families. There are many occasions that might affect your benefits.

### New Retiree

Provides information frequently requested by [new retirees](#) including changing health and life insurance options, COLAs, annuity payments, and taxable portions of annuity.

### Life Events

Explains how [benefits are affected by events](#) such as marriage, divorce, death of a spouse, re-employment in Federal service, or inability to handle one's finances.

### Moving Checklist

Use [this tool\(PDF file\)](#) to help you prepare for moving and then conduct any relevant transactions after your move.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.opm.gov/retirement-center/>

## Employee Spotlight



### Chaylah C. Francis FGGM Victim Advocate (SHARP)

Chaylah C. Francis is a Victim Advocate (SHARP) at Fort George E. Meade.

Chaylah has earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Liberty University in Cinematic Arts, a Master of Art in Strategic Communication, and a Master of Art in Human Service Counseling with a Graduate Certificate in Military Resilience and is currently pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Psychotherapy at Bowie State University.

By effectively applying her formal education and research, Chaylah's ambition is to support Veterans, Military Service Members, and their families by

contributing to developing research on faith-based psychotherapy interventions and establishing resiliency programs.

Chaylah demonstrates her fundamental values of duty and service by performing leadership duties within various organizations. Chaylah currently serves as a Human Resource Specialist(42A) within the United States Army Reserves. She was selected from amongst her peers as the White House Initiative HBCU Scholar cohort 2022-2023.

She currently holds the title of Secretary for the Association of Christian Leadership, Parliamentarian for the Bowie State University Graduate Student Association, and a former Graduate Research Assistant for the Bowie State University Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Prevention Center which through her contribution educated the population of Bowie State University in sexual harassment/sexual assault prevention and provided resources to sexual health medicine. She is also an active member of the Maryland Counseling Association and the American Counseling Association.

Chaylah uses her passion for creative writing and storytelling to engage her audience, collaborate with team members, and advocate for the holistic well-being of Veterans and Military Servicemembers.

Highlight your team members in the future Team Meade Update edition.

Send your spotlight to Chuck Yang, [chul.h.yang.civ@army.mil](mailto:chul.h.yang.civ@army.mil)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

*Army Heritage/LGBTQ-Pride Month*

- 18 – Father's Day
- 19 – Juneteenth
- 28 – LGBTQ +Pride Month Observance (Club Meade)
- 30 – Red, White & Blue Celebration

### JULY

*PTSD Awareness Month*

- 4 – Independence Day
- 6 – FB Live/Town Hall
- 19 – Commander's Call (Smallwood Hall)
- 27 – Community Council (Smallwood Hall)
- 27 – New Employee Orientation

## GC's 3Cs in 2023

- **Consideration**
  - Of our customers and our employees
- **Caring**
  - Self-Care opportunities: Resiliency Center, Wellness Center, and Civilian Wellness Program
- **Community**
  - Education, Employment, Transportation, and Resiliency