

Castle Gram

Next Board Meetings:

Thursday

February 2, 2006

March 2, 2006

10:00am

Julie Strock's home

233 2nd St., Qtrs 9

Ft McNair

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**EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE
CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!!!!**



Briefings at the Corps of Engineer Headquarters

Thursday, February 16

10:00 - 2:00

RSVP by February 9

**Carol Sanders, Public Affairs Officer, Corp of Engineers, has put together
and interesting and informative day for us, concluding with a meeting with
LTG Carl Strock, Commander, Corps of Engineers.**

Lunch will be pay as you go, brought up from the cafeteria, please bring cash.

**RSVP form is on the back of this issue of the Castle Gram. Please direct all
reservation questions to Pat O'Neill or Mollie O'Neill (their phone numbers
are on the bottom left of this page)**

Save The Date!

Knollwood
- A MILITARY RETIREMENT RESIDENCE



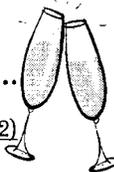
**March 15, 2006
Bake Sale at Knollwood**

Those members who live in the DC area—prepare to bake!!! March 15 we will hold our annual bake sale at Knollwood—a military retirement residence. We provide the goodies and the Knollwood residents do the buying!! The money raised is then provided back to Knollwood through the Fellowship Assistance Fund. So start baking all types of goodies and even hors d'oeuvres and other snack mixes. More detailed information will be given next month. Point of Contact is Priscilla Noah - 703-768-4754.

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A Recipe for the New Year



Party Punch (Southern Living Party Cookbook, 1972)

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| 1 quart bourbon | 8 ounces pineapple juice |
| 2 quarts champagne | 8 ounces grapefruit juice |
| 4 ounces rum | orange slices |
| 4 ounces fresh lemon juice | |

Pre-chill ingredients. Mix in punch bowl, adding champagne last. Add ice. Garnish with orange slices. Yield: 25 punch cup servings.

Engineer Punch (revised version for a crowd)

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| 3 cans frozen fruit punch | 2 liters 7-up |
| 2 quarts champagne | 1 liter club soda |
| 1 quart Engineer rum (same as above) | ice ring made by freezing 7-up |
| in mold with fresh lemon slices | |
| 1 quart bourbon | |

Chill ingredients. Add champagne last. Pour carefully into punch bowl and add ice ring. Serves: 100.

~Recipe courtesy of Julie Strock

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If I can't remember buying some of the stuff on my credit card bill, do I still have to pay for it?





The Gavel

~ a note from our President



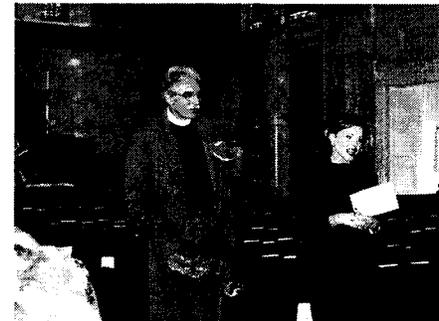
Well.... it's time to start working on my newsletter article again after a month's break. I don't know about you all, but I'm better at talking (ask anyone who knows me) than writing and this message is always hard for me to start. Here goes...

I hope all of you had a great holiday season and have had a good start to the New Year of 2006. My family and I sure enjoyed the holidays—I started out meeting my husband in Germany (he was coming from Iraq) for 5 days. We enjoyed driving around Germany, going to Christmas markets, eating, sightseeing, and seeing old friends. 13 cities, 10 markets in 5 days! It sure is a lot more expensive than it used to be, but still a wonderful place to visit. I was also lucky enough to take a trip to California for Mike's company Holiday party, see a play, and visit friends. Our house was totally decorated for the season and we had lots of family and friends over for visits. As I write this, I'm getting ready for the undoing—it takes me a long, long time! But first...I'm off to Arizona to visit a great friend. It'll be nice to be in the warm sun and be with friends as Mike is back in Iraq for the month of January.

I enjoyed seeing many of you at the wonderful lunch at the Army-Navy Club and the great tour of St. John's Church. **Willie Berwick did a great job with the planning and giving the tour (see picture below).** As I write this, I'm looking forward to the tour of the Indian museum later in January. Having a USACE expert give us the tour should be just wonderful. I hope many of you will join us.

Are you all planning on attending the **Engineer Dinner and Castle Ball on Saturday, February 4th**? Sure hope so. It should be a great time. I wish we could go, but we have a wedding to attend the same night so it won't work out for us. Also in **February (16th)** is our **monthly function which is a Briefing at Corps Headquarters.** It should be really interesting and informative—please join us!

Now is the time for our nominating committee [Roz Riley (703-781-5820) and Anita Link (301-371-8896)] to start working on the slate of AEOWC officers for 2006 – 2007. If you're interested in helping out and having a great time, please give them a call. It's a wonderful experience. You'll meet and get to know so many more Engineer ladies and spouses than ever before.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Bette



Corrections to the Red Book

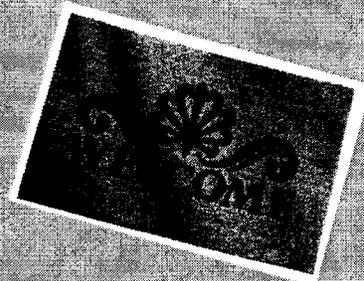
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Happy Birthday!

February Birthdays

Tessie LaRose Ballard	February 28	Karen Blogd	February 9
Karen L. Brown	February 22	Annette Mudd	February 29
Jennie Chandler	February 15	Sheila O'Connor	February 22
Bobbie Griffin	February 19	Liz Rusevold	February 5
Bo Hie Herzer	February	Betty Swygert	February 4
Beth Hollar	February 24	Virginia M. Tallig	February 18
Cirzita Howard	February 20	Diane White	February 3
Elizabeth Light	February 1	Helen Wright	February 2

A Word from the Nominations Committee

Calling all volunteers! Now is the time to look forward to the **NEXT** Club year (1 July 06 to 30 Jun 07) There are numerous opportunities/niches just waiting for talented, willing, and fun individuals to step up.

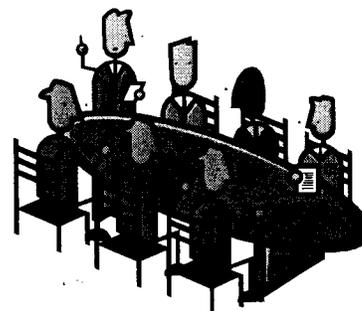
Where do you see yourself fitting in????

Below are jobs on the **Executive Board** which will have openings to serve next year....

PRESIDENT- Presides at all regular club and executive board meetings, enforces the Constitution and by-laws, appoints the chairman of each standing and special committee, authorizes disbursement from the Treasurer, appoints the **PARLIAMENTARIAN**. She is the official representative and spokesman for the club.

SECRETARY - Custodian of the permanent records of the club keeps the minutes of all meetings (and even has a small tape recorder to help!)

TREASURER - Responsible for all funds pertaining to the club and maintains accurate account of all receipts and disbursements; presents financial statement at each monthly executive meeting.



Want to join in the leadership of your club, but don't want to take a lead position????

The following positions have openings to serve for **CO-CHAIR** positions or **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**.

Executive Board

VICE-PRESIDENT- Serves as Program Chairman for the club and carries out the duties of the President in her absence.

AEMA TREASURER- Responsible for the Army Engineer Memorial Awards and the committee which selects the Award recipients.

Standing Committees

Standing Committees are other avenues of service which include chairing or assisting on the following:

Membership, Hospitality, Circulation, Publicity/Historian, Reservations, Service/Welfare, Knollwood Liaison, Knollwood Bake Sale, Nominating, and Budget.

Please consult your REDBOOK Bylaws- Section IV, beginning on page 55 for the specific duties of each position.

Board meetings have been held on the first Thursday of each month, hosted by Julie Strock at Quarters 9 on Fort McNair. The meetings are power-packed, provide a healthy dose of friendship and laughter, and offer delightful refreshments prepared by board members (if you leave hungry it is your fault!).

Please contact Roz Riley (703-781-5820, rileyroz@hotmail.com) or Anita Link (301-371-8896, anitaglink@aol.com) for further inquiry or to volunteer.

Thank you! The 2005-2006 Nominating Committee



Decorator's Showcase
October 20th



FREE SAT/ACT SOFTWARE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES.

In association with eKnowledge LLC, the Department of Defense recently announced that a group of NFL, NFL Europe, AFL, and CFL football players, represented through Victory Sports Group Agency, is donating several million dollars worth of SAT and ACT test preparation programs valued at \$199 each to military families for the school year 2005-2006.

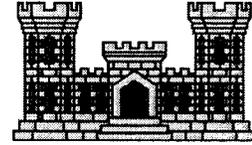


Through this sponsorship, active-duty, National Guard, reserve and retired military personnel can obtain eKnowledge's \$199 SAT/ACT Standard Power Prep program and the \$199 fee is waived. Families who request the program pay only the shipping and handling cost associated with the request. Service members may request as many programs as they need for the students in their lives.

To facilitate ordering, DoD has established a secure connection through its Military Homefront website www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil. This connection will quickly verify a person's military status before linking them to the software ordering site. You may access the verification and order pages by clicking on the "VSG/NFL Players Donation" link in the "Special Offers" section of the Military Homefront's left-side navigation menu.

The products offered through this program are shipped to United States addresses as well as APO addresses.

Army Engineer Memorial Awards Army Engineer Officers' Wives' Club



The Army Engineer Officers' Wives' Club of Washington, D.C. announces the availability of the Army Engineer Memorial Awards to be given to qualifying high school seniors. To qualify for an award, an applicant's parent must be a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Officer presently on active duty, a retired U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Officer, or a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Officer who died either while on active duty or after retiring from active duty. These awards, established in 1973 as a living memorial to Engineer Officers killed in Vietnam, are given annually to honor all Engineer Officers who died in the line of duty.

The Army Engineer Officers' Wives' Club, through efforts of its membership and outside contributors, has established a permanent fund for the perpetuation of the Army Engineer Memorial Award. Individuals may make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund, either as a gift or as a memorial.

The award is based on academic and extracurricular achievement during high school; and it must be applied toward tuition or scholastic expenses at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Completed applications for the 2006 award must be submitted by 1 March 2006.

For further information, please contact the AEMA Assistant Treasurer of the Army Engineer Officers' Wives' Club, Tammie Morris, 15550 Smithfield Place, Centreville, VA. 20120, (703) 815-9982 or email at TAMMORRIS @ aol.com.



**ARMY ENGINEER MEMORIAL AWARDS
 ARMY ENGINEER OFFICERS' WIVES' CLUB
 APPLICATION
Deadline: March 1, 2006**

Name of Applicant (last, first, middle) _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone (include area code) _____

To qualify for an award, you must be a graduating high school senior, and have a parent who is presently a U.S. Army Engineer Officer on Active Duty, is or was a retired U.S. Army Engineer Officer, or was a U.S. Army Engineer Officer who died while on active duty.

Parent's Name and Rank: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Most recent duty station: _____

Status: Active Duty _____ Retired _____ Deceased _____

A photocopy of the front and back of the applicant's Military Identification Card, must be submitted with this application.

Name and Address of High School: _____

Name(s) and location(s) of Accredited Institution(s) of Higher Learning Applicant plans to attend:

Scholastic Record: Please enclose a copy of your official transcript (including Fall 2005 semester grades) and SAT/ACT scores.

Extracurricular activities: Please attach a list of your extracurricular activities (offices held, sports, clubs, volunteer work, employment, etc.), honors and awards.

Let us know about you: Enclose a brief description (350 words) about yourself to include your hobbies, special interests, and future goals. Please indicate that this was in your own words and sign.

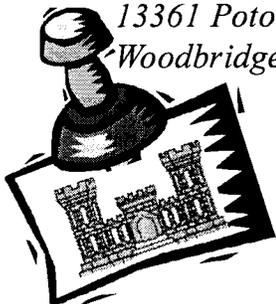
 Signature of Sponsor or Guardian

 Signature of Applicant

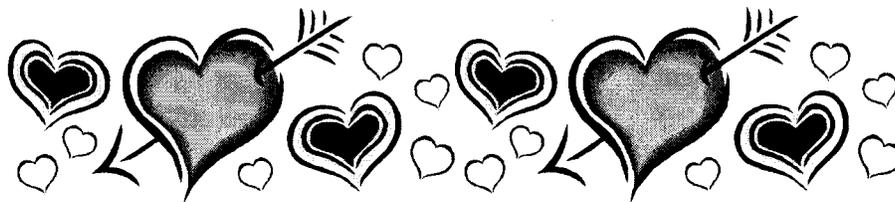
******Please make sure all elements are complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only those items requested will be considered. Eligibility is subject to verification.******

**SEND TO: AEMA, c/o Tammie Morris, 15550 Smithfield Pl. Centreville, VA. 20120, (703) 815-9982.
 DEADLINE: March 1, 2006**

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Reservation Form (please fill in, cut out and mail to Pat O'Neill 13508 Granite Rock Dr
Chantilly, VA 20151)

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Reservation deadline: February 9th

Name(s) Attending _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please bring cash — lunch will be pay as you go — from the Cafeteria.