REAL ID Act changes may impact access control

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, may not have any extensions left, and after June 7, this could cause visitors from states who are non-compliant or have an expired limited extension to be delayed or even denied entry to Fort Myer, Henderson Hall and Fort McNair.


LGBT pride month celebration slated

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender pride month will be celebrated June 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spates Community Club ballroom, Bldg. 407, Fort Myer. The theme this year is “Past, Present and Future.”

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall will host this year’s Military District of Washington event at which Lt. Col. Heather Mack will speak. Mack is the International and Interagency Affairs Liaison Officer, U.S. Transportation Command.

Admission is free and open to military personnel and retirees, DoD civilians and family members.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class William Reynolds – william.e.reynolds20.mil@mail.mil and 703-696-2964 or Master Sgt. Kenny Kang – kenny.h.kang.mil@mail.mil or 703-696-8729.
Reminder: Great Falls is ‘off limits’

It’s that time of year to remind military personnel of the “Off Limits” status of a nearby waterway. The Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board has placed the Potomac River – Great Falls area OFF LIMITS to all military personnel. Military personnel are ordered not to go into this area; the Great Falls area is posted with off limits signs applicable to everyone. This area is unsafe, and water activities in the Great Falls – Potomac River Gorge area are prohibited by law in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The area along the Potomac River that extends from Sycamore Island to Chain Bridge is off limits due to the strong undertow currents. Undertows are dangerous: the surface of the water can be calm, but beneath the surface, strong water currents pull in opposite directions. There have been many deaths of service members and their families in the past.

See www.army.mil/article/127982 for a 2014 Pentagram article by Jim Dresbach which is still relevant today.

Call the JBM-HH Safety Office for more information at 703-696-6996.

Save the date! Second (Indianhead) Division reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association (formed in France during World War I) is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. This year the association will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the division Sept. 13 – 17, in Arlington, Va.

For information about the association and the annual reunion, contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net, 224-225-1202 or www.2ida.org.
WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:
Tuesday 6/6/17: closes at 5 p.m.
Thursday 6/8/17: Gate opens at 5 a.m., closes at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 703-696-3290/1.

* Weather conditions may shorten or extend the Wright Gate and Marshall Drive temporary closures.

Cracking the Code to a Federal Job June 21

Learn about the federal hiring process June 21, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Bldg. 21, Henderson Hall. Topics include how to create a federal application package that will set you apart from the competition. This workshop is taught by a former GS15 HR Manager from the Office of Personnel Management.

Register in advance by calling 703-614-6828 or online at www.mccsHH.com/CRMC-Courses.html.

Youth Digital Coding Camp Aug. 7 – 11

MCCS Henderson Hall holds a Youth Digital Coding Camp Aug. 7 – 11, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Building 29 aboard Henderson Hall. Open to Department of Defense identification card holders ages 10 to 15, the camp features coding and 3D video game development instruction.

To register, visit www.mccsHH.com/SL.html and click through to register with EventBrite. For questions, call the School Liaison at 703-693-8578.

Vacation Bible School slated for June 26-30

Registration is open now for the Fort Myer Vacation Bible School which will run from June 26 through 30 at the Fort Myer Memorial Chapel from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day. The theme this year is “Rome, Paul and the Underground Church.”

Children ages 4 years (by 19 June 2017) through those children having completed 5th grade are welcome to participate. We are encouraging children who have completed 6th and 7th grades to help by being crew leaders. Get the registration form at http://jbmhhvbs2017.weebly.com. Please download the form (all pages) and fill out, scan and email to Chris Jones at chris-jones2173@gmail.com. Registration forms can also be obtained through the Chapel office for those people who do not have access to a computer.

If you cannot scan the forms and wish to return them to the Chapel there will be a designated VBS registration return box. We are still looking for volunteers, both adults and teens. Security forms must be filled out and fingerprints must be taken from all volunteers working with children. For more information, email nancy.stevenson@aol.com.

Wright Gate project nearing end

The Corps of Engineers is overseeing construction on the Automatic Vehicle Barrier at Wright Gate, Fort Myer, which will go through mid-June. Construction will take place after hours and on select weekends and will cause temporary closures at Wright Gate and Marshall Drive. Henderson Hall’s Gate 1, at the corner of Southgate Road and South Orme Street, will be open to mitigate any Wright Gate closures weekdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. (normally open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and weekends from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Pedestrian and bicycle access will NOT be available at Wright Gate during the temporary gate closures.

The dates and times of the closures are listed below.
VA claims assistance offered in June

Veterans Administration claims assistance is offered Wednesdays, June 7 and 21, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., in Bldg. 29, Rm. 103, Henderson Hall. An AMVETS representative will review service member medical records and provide assistance with the Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation claims process.

This service is by appointment only. Please call 703-614-6828 to schedule.

Military retirement briefing set for July

Retirement and survivor benefit program briefings are conducted for military personnel and family members to attend; no reservations required.

The next briefing, held from 8 a.m. to noon is Tuesday, July 18, in the Fort Myer Community Activities Center, Building 405.

The Retirement Services Office provides counseling and assistance to active duty service personnel, retirees, widows, widowers, survivors and family members from all branches of military service concerning rights, benefits and entitlements.

For more information, call 703-614-6828.

Field Sanitation Team training slated at Fort Belvoir

The Environmental Health section of Fort Belvoir Community Hospital is enrolling students for the Field Sanitation Team (FST) certification course from June 19 through 23.

The 40 hours of classroom instructions and hands-on practicum reinforce preventive medicine concepts that protect Warfighters from disease and non-battle injuries (waterborne and foodborne illnesses, vector-borne diseases, toxic industrial materials, etc.).

Paragraph 1-7 of AR 40-5 directs appointment of two FST members for all company-sized units. The course duration is June 19 through 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Bldg. 710.

Help celebrate Fort Meade's 100th birthday

The Fort George G. Meade 100th anniversary gala is June 17 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at Club Meade. Registration for childcare, based on a first-come, first-serve basis will be accepted until June 12.

Entertainment will be provided by the U.S. Army Field Band, the USO Show Troupe and other live performers. Guests enjoy an assortment of catered hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Club Meade will be decorated by military units and the Fort Meade Museum, featuring the history of the installation through unique decor and pieces of memorabilia. Visit each room of the club to learn more about World War I, World War II, the Vietnam War, Cyber and the Global War on Terrorism.

Limited, free child care for Child & Youth Services-registered patrons will be available for gala attendees. Proof of ticket purchase will be required. Registration for childcare, based on a first-come, first-serve basis will be accepted until June 12 by calling 301-677-1149.

Ticket prices are $100 per ticket (general admission), $85 per ticket (DoD ID card holders) and $45 per ticket (active duty E1-E4); tickets are available on-line at: www.meade.armymwr.com/webtrac-payments or by visiting Club Meade. A cash bar will be available at the event. The Visitor's Control Center will be open on June 17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for non-DoD guests needing access assistance.

Call 301-677-6969 for more information.

HITT Preliminaries June 9

MCCS Henderson Hall Semper Fit holds High Intensity Tactical Training (HITT) Tactical Athlete Competition preliminaries are June 9, starting at 7 a.m. The competition is open to any active duty service member; however, only Marines may go on to the next level of competition.

For details, call Jose Cordova at 703-614-7214, email him at jose.martinez-cordova@usmc-mccs.org, or visit www.mccsHH.com/HITT.html.

Fort McNair Club has ‘Southern Country Buffet’ every Friday

The Fort McNair Club, Building 60, offers “Southern Country Buffet” every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for $11.75.

For more information, call 202-484-5800.
Get on board with summer reading program

Register for the JBM-HH Summer Reading Program 2017, held from Sunday, June 11 through Sunday, Sept. 3 at http://jbmhhpost.beanstack.org. The program is hosted by the Fort Myer Library, Building 417. Read, record your minutes and earn prizes.

For more information, call 703-696-3555. Twitter: @JBMHH Library and Instagram: @JBM-HH Library.

Outdoor play mornings

Marine Corps Community Services and Army Community Services New Parent Support programs' Outdoor Play Mornings are every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Virginia Highlands Park, 1600 South Hayes Street, Arlington.

For more information, call 703-698-7206 or 703-696-3512

Prostate Cancer Support Group Meetings at Belvoir

The Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital the 2nd Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be 8 June from 1 to 2 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM in the Urology Clinic, Sunrise Pavilion, 2nd floor. Spouses/partners invited. For more information, contact COL (ret) Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or jane.l.hudak.ctr@mail.mil.

Prostate Cancer Support Group Meetings at Walter Reed

The Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center the 3rd Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be 15 June from 1 to 2 PM and 6:30 to 7:30 PM (America Building, River Conference Room, 3rd floor). Spouses/partners invited. Military ID required for base access to Walter Reed. For those without a military ID, call Prostate Center at 301-319-2900 at least 4 business days prior to event for base access. For more information, contact COL (Ret) Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or jane.l.hudak.ctr@mail.mil.