

Army Community Service

Supporting Our Military & Their Families

Picatinny Arsenal Community Readiness & Support News

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Military Spouse Appreciation Day



Military Spouse Appreciation Day was first practiced by President Ronald Reagan on May 23 1984. President Reagan commemorated the day by making a proclamation and a speech, deeming the Friday before Mother's Day to be officially designated as Military Spouse Appreciation Day. His intention was to recognize the efforts of the military spouse and the fact that military spouses have a direct bearing on military accomplishments.

In honor our Picatinny Arsenal's Military Spouse, Army Community Service would like to invite you to join us on Friday, 11 May anytime from 1200-1330 for cake and coffee in the Community Readiness and Support Center, Bldg 119. We will also have goodie bags for all of our spouses. There is no need to RSVP. Just stop in so we can say "Thank You for being a Military Spouse!"

LAST HARD COPY ISSUE!

The ACS newsletter is going electronic in June! There will be a few hard copies located within the ACS office for anyone who does not have an email.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign Update!

To date, the Picatinny's 2012 AER campaign has reached over 50% of it's goal. We still have a few fun activities left so please be sure to show your support by volunteering or coming to an event. To volunteer, sign-up or donate, please contact the AER Officer, Marci Keck, at 973-724-2145 or marci.keck@us.army.mil.

May:

- 3 - Long Drive Competition, 1600-2000 @ the Golf Club
- 4 - Bagging for Bucks, 0930-1530 @ the Commissary
- 10 - Dunk-a-Military, 1000 @ Choices parking lot
- 17 - Aim for AER 1630 @ Right Arm Night Event
- 23 - Duck Derby, 1130 @ Frog Falls Lazy River



Volunteer of the Quarter

Mrs. Margaret Nulk was honored as the "Volunteer of the Quarter: January – March 2012" at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, 19 April, 2012 at the Cannon Gates Catering & Conference Center located at Bldg 121.

Mrs. Nulk was nominated by Mrs. Stephanie LaFontaine, President of the Picatinny Military & Civilian Club (PMCC) for her continued dedication and accomplishments as an officer of both PMCC and the Association of the US Army (AUSA). LTC Koehler presented Mrs. Nulk with a certificate of appreciation and a token of appreciation from Army Community Service.



Denise Dickinson and LTC Koehler present Missy with the Volunteer of the Quarter Award at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

Featured Employer: Allstate is Hiring Military

Allstate is hiring veterans and transitioning servicemembers. Visit the Allstate Veteran Talent Portal to apply for jobs, translate your military skills and network with other veterans.

<http://www.military.com/military-report/featured-employer-allstate-is-hiring-military-042312?ESRC=mr.nl>

Beware of Fiancee Financial Services Scams

A scam to solicit money from servicemembers and DoD civilians has been identified. The letter purporting to be from DFAS asks the fiancée of a servicemember to register in "our system," entitling the fiancée benefits in the event of the servicemember's death. The letter even uses the DFAS logo. DFAS does not send unsolicited email messages with attachments or letters asking you to send money to pay for some benefit. This letter is a typical phishing scam used to obtain personal information and often times, money. For more personal finance tips, visit the Military.com Money Center.

<http://www.military.com/military-report/beware-of-financial-services-scams?ESRC=mr.nl>

TRICARE Goes Paperless

TRICARE officials are offering a way to cut down on mail clutter via paperless benefits statements, referral and authorization letters and fee statements. Your paperless communications are housed safely in your secure, password-protected account. You can log into your account at any time from your desktop, your phone, or your tablet - anywhere with an Internet connection. For more information, visit the Go Paperless webpage. For more on TRICARE benefits, visit the Military.com TRICARE section.

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Abilities EXPO



**The Department of Defense EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, and educational, medical, and personnel services to Families with special/ exceptional needs.*



Do you have an Exceptional Family Member, a wounded warrior or has age caught up with you? Come to Abilities Expo at the NJ Convention & Expo Center at 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, NJ 4-6 May from 1100-1600. The event and parking is free. The Expo has many

representatives from state and federal government agencies, non-profit organizations and companies that are available to answer your questions or explain their services. Also, you can attend free workshops on topics like accessible travel, employment, communication skills and mainstreaming your child. Watch some of the adaptive sports games, dance performances, gravity-defying stunts, technology showcases, canine assistance demos and much more. For more information, check their website: www.abilitiesexpo.com/newyork.

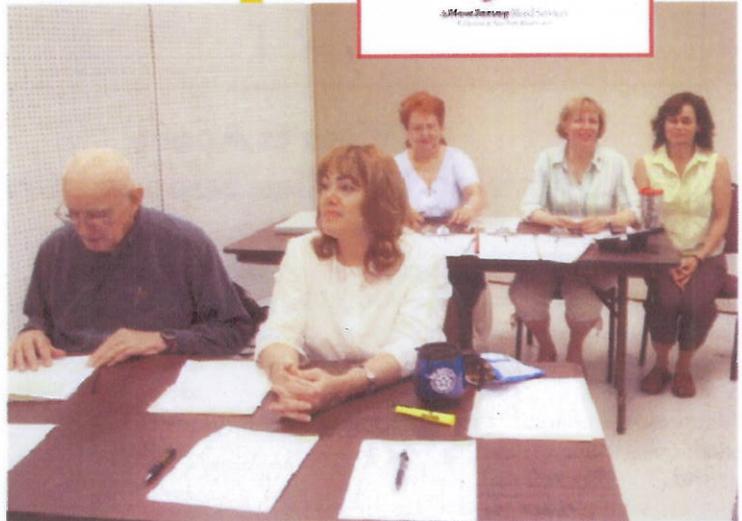
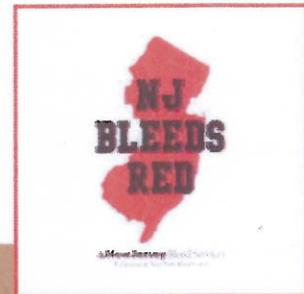
For more information about EFMP*, visit the EFMP webpage at <http://www.pica.army.mil/mwr/ACS/EFMP.htm> or contact the EFMP Manager, Marci Keck, at 973-724-2145 or marci.keck@us.army.mil.

Picatinny Awarded for “Outstanding Achievement”

Picatinny Arsenal was recognized for “Outstanding Achievement as The Top Government Blood Donor Group” on Thursday, 19 April, 2012 at an awards reception by the New Jersey Blood Services in Jersey City, NJ. This is not the first time that Picatinny has beaten out all the other federal agencies in the NJ area for raising the most pints of blood.

This would not happen without all of our wonderful blood drive volunteers and donors. If you would like to volunteer at the next blood drive on either 18 or 25 May, contact Denise Dickinson at 973-724-7247. There are childcare vouchers available for the time while volunteering.

Also, you can donate at the next blood drive by scheduling your appointment online at www.tinyurl.com/picatinnyblooddrive or calling Denise Dickinson at 973-724-7247. If you have questions on your eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.





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Area Code: 973 DSN 880
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Monday - Friday
0700-1600

Career Center

The ACS Career Center has: computer with network capabilities and printer, resume tips and paper, job listings bulletin board, books to borrow and much more. Sign up for Job Seeker emails at marci.keck@us.army.mil and put Job Seeker in the subject line.



Resiliency Room

Stressed out? Need a break?
Stop by the Resiliency Room in Bldg 119 any time from 0700-1430 for a sit in the massage chairs, a game of Wii Fit or to take a turn at a board game. You can reserve time in advance by calling 973-724-7247 or stop in at your leisure to check availability!



ACS LENDING LIBRARY

Come In and Check Something Out!



The ACS Lending Library has over 150 books, videos and packets which are free and available for sign-out.

This month's highlight... *Strengthening Family Resilience*
by Froma Walsh

Picatinny Military

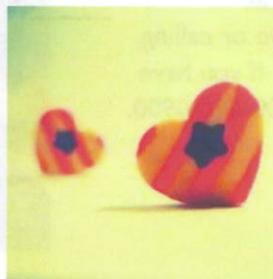
Spouse Coffee Group Meeting



Meetings are held monthly and are open to all Picatinny military spouses. For more information, contact the group secretary, Felicia Horton, at feliciah04@comcast.net.

Hearts Apart Waiting Families Support Group

Need information and support during your service member's unaccompanied tour or deployment? Then come to the next Heart's Apart. All Family Members whose sponsor is deployed, geographically separated, on an unaccompanied tour or an extended TDY are invited to attend. Hearts Apart offers support for Waiting Families by linking Family Members with each other during their separation. Army Community Service provides a supportive group setting for activities, opportunities to learn about available resources, and to network with one another during their sponsor's absence. For more information, contact clarence.lacy@us.army.mil or 973-724-5219.



Picatinny Military & Civilian's Club

PMCC is a Command approved social organization that raises funds to benefit the Picatinny Community. Events include monthly luncheons or evening functions, a tricky tray and a fashion show. For more information or to become a member, email our reservation address at: pmcc.reservations@gmail.com.

May 2012 - ACS Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>☐ 2 - Resilience and MRT Competencies, 1130 @ Bldg 119 classroom.</p> <p>☐ 3 - AER Long Drive Competition. See flyer for details.</p> <p>☐ 4 - AER Bagging for Bucks @ the Commissary, 0930-1530.</p> <p>☐ 8 - Employment Readiness Lunch & Learn "Federal Resume", 1200 @ Bldg 119 classroom.</p> <p>☐ 10 - AER Dunk a Military @ Choices parking lot.</p> <p>☐ 11 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day event. See page 1.</p>						
<p>☐ 16 - Hearts Apart Waiting Families Support Group, 0900-1000 @ Bldg 119 conference room.</p> <p>☐ 17 - Aim for AER @ Right Arm Night.</p> <p>☐ 18 - Blood Drive, 0700-1300 @ PX Annex.</p> <p>☐ 22 - Digital Photography, 1130 @ Bldg 119 classroom.</p> <p>☐ 23 - AER 4th Annual Duck Derby. See flyer.</p> <p>☐ 25 - Blood Drive, 0700-1300 @ PX Annex.</p>						
<p>☐ 1 - Happy Mother's Day!</p>						
<p>☐ 6 - Employment Lunch & Learn</p>						
<p>☐ 7 - Resilience and MRT Competencies</p>						
<p>☐ 8 - Happy Day Day</p>						
<p>☐ 9 - AER Long Drive Competition</p>						
<p>☐ 10 - AER Dunk a Military</p>						
<p>☐ 11 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day</p>						
<p>☐ 12 - Happy Cinco de Mayo!</p>						
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Reservations are required for all ACS workshops to allow preparation for seating and supplies. Lack of advanced reservations may conclude in cancellation of event. Call the ACS main line at 973-724-7247 to reserve your seat.

Don't Miss These Final AER Events!

PICATINNY ARSENAL

23 May 2012 at Frog Falls Lazy River, 1130



4th Annual Duck Derby

- Prizes**
- Generac 7500 Watt Generator (\$950 value)
 - IPad 2 16GB WiFi (\$400 value)
 - 42" RCA PDP HDTV (\$400 value)
 - Frog Falls Family Membership (\$230 value)
 - 30 Lunch Special Punch Card for Choices (\$210 value)
 - \$200 Visa Gift Card

Corporate Sponsors:
 Jet Industries
 NDA
 St. Clare's Hospital
 PMCC
 NCMA
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All proceeds benefit Picatinny Arsenal's 2012 Army Emergency Relief Campaign. For more information on Army Emergency Relief or to purchase a ticket, contact Picatinny's Army Emergency Relief Officer at 973-724-2145.

Tickets Can Be Purchased From:

- Bldg 1: Sonny List, x5244
- Bldg 31: Gina Hewrick, x5512
- Bldg 34: ITR, x4014
- Bldg 62: Andrea Stevens, x1577
- Bldg 93: Kimberly Gambrell, x9152
- Bldg 119: Marci Keck, x2145
- Bldg 151: Dawn Brown, x3172
- Bldg 175: Jeanette Rysdeck, x4337
- Bldg 176: Julie Bobitka, x7011
- Bldg 321: Robyn Huber, x3284
- Bldg 3153: Shawn Wroblewski, x9055
- Bldg 3156: Front Desk, x5555

Or by stopping by Bldg 119 anytime!

Tickets
 \$5 for 1
 \$20 for 5

Need not be present to win!

PICATINNY GOLF CLUB LONG DRIVE CONTEST



SIGN UP NOW!!!
 973-724-4653

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CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN CHIPPING CONTEST - PRIZE: MIZUNO WEDGE
WOMEN'S LONGEST DRIVE - PRIZE: MIZUNO WOMEN'S DRIVER
MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE - PRIZE: MIZUNO MEN'S DRIVER

\$10 FOR ONE COMPETITION
 \$15 FOR BOTH
 (5 SHOTS PER COMPETITION)

ALL PROCEED BENEFIT PICATINNY ARSENAL'S
 2012 ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF CAMPAIGN.



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

CANNON GATE CATERING CENTER

SUNDAY, MAY 13TH

12:00PM

CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$14.00

ADULTS \$28.00

MILITARY: ADULTS \$14.00/CHILDREN \$7.00

SPONSORED BY PICATINNY UNIT FUND

Reservations Required - Call 973-724-2582

FEATURING

CHILDREN'S BUFFET

CREPE STATION

PRIME RIB &

ROASTED TURKEY

CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN

Live Music!

Jimmy Smith on Piano

Happy Mother's Day



Water Safety Fair

Live Water
Demonstrations By
The US Coast Guard &
American Red Cross



Hands on
Instruction on
Boating, Swimming
& Water Safety!

Saturday, May 5th

10:00am-2:00pm

Frog Falls Aquatic Park

\$3.00 per person

Children 3 & Under Free

For Information Call 724-7275





750 Meter Swim - 10 Mile Bike - 5K Run

Saturday, May 19th

Picatinny Arsenal - Frog Falls Aquatic Park

0700 Racer Registration 0800 Race Begins

\$32.00 Military & Dependents

\$45.00 Picatinny Civilians

\$55.00 General Public



Online Registration Required:

Visit www.raceit.com and search "Picatinny"

All participants must register online.

Event Questions - Please Contact Forge Fitness 973-724-6215

PICATINNY DOWN & DIRTY MUD RUN!



Saturday, June 2nd
1:00pm - 5:00pm
Community Center

\$5.00 per person (Pre-Registration)
\$8.00 per person (At the event)

- Family Friendly Costumes Strongly Encouraged!!!
- Kid's Mud Play Area for our friends too small to participate!
- Concession Stand Available for Food & Drink Items!

- Youth 6-9
- Youth 10-13
- Youth 14-17
- Adults
- 1/2 Mile Course
- 5K Course
- 5K Course
- 5K Course

All Youth Participants receive a Completion Medal
Adult Prizes for Fastest Male/Female
(1st Place \$100 MWR Bucks each/ 2nd Place \$50 MWR Bucks each)
Fastest Team (3-5 People) -Team Trophy
Best Costume -\$25 MWR Bucks

Pre-Register & Information Call
Forge Fitness 973-724-6215 or Teen Center 973-724-7183
First 50 people registered get a T-Shirt!

GOT JUNK?? SELL IT!

Saturday, May 12th 9:00am-3:00pm

Navy Hill & Farley Housing Area

YARD SALE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ALL PICATTINNY EMPLOYEES ARE PERMITTED TO SELL ITEMS

VISITORS MUST USE MAIN GATE & HAVE PHOTO ID

SELLER REGISTRATION:

1. ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST REGISTER WITH FMWR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE YARD SALE.
2. ALL DOD ID CARD HOLDERS WILL SELL ITEMS AT THE "COMMUNITY YARD SALE" LOCATION
8X12 SPACE 1 TABLE & 2 CHAIRS -\$10.00 16X24 SPACE 1 TABLE & 2 CHAIRS -\$20.00

REGISTRATION CONTACT: ANDY CICOLELLA 973-724-7246 REGISTRATION FORM: WWW.PICA.ARMY.MIL/NEWMWR
LINDA HUFF-FRANEY 973-724-3038

YARD SALE

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