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As fall is beginning to be in full swing here in Central Pennsylvania we are reminded that the holidays are quickly approaching. With the coming season our attention turns increasingly toward connecting with our family and friends. As always, Family and MWR provides exciting ways to celebrate the holidays and the winter season.

Could you do without one more giant holiday meal to prepare? Why not let Letort View Community Center treat you and your family to a Traditional Pennsylvania Thanksgiving Feast and leave all the worry (and dishes) to us? Also, don’t forget to RSVP by December 1 for Breakfast with Santa on December 9 from 8-11am at LVCC. Call 717-245-3960/4049 to reserve your table for either event.

While we are talking about the holidays, mark your calendars for the Holiday Christmas Tree Lighting and Commandant’s Open House on Post December 7th. On this day Santa comes to the Carlisle Barracks as we sing Christmas Carols and enjoy kids crafts, Holiday treats and a visit with Santa. You can, take the shuttle bus to see Quarters 1 Holiday decorations and enjoy more cookies and hot chocolate. It is a magical evening every family should plan to attend!

Lastly, our Christkindlemarkt on December 2nd provides local, quality artists and crafters an opportunity to sell their goods with holiday flare. This much anticipated event has become an annual tradition for those looking to buy something special only a local artisan can create. Join us at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center from 9am-2pm and get a taste of holiday spirit!

Thank you for your patronage to MWR and all our programs. I wish you a very Happy Holiday Season filled with family and friends.

Best Wishes,
Chris

Christopher Reitman - Director

What is Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation?

In 1940 a branch within the Army was established known as the Morale Division which later became known as “Special Services.” Family and MWR is a group of men and women who provide support and leisure activities to our Soldiers (active duty, Reserve, and Guard) their Families, military retirees, and civilian employees. Currently working in Family and MWR are approximately 37,000 employees worldwide and their mission is to deliver quality programs to Soldiers and their Families.
On the Cover
Veterans Day and Memorial Day
Memorial Day honors servicemembers who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime.

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Sat, Sun & Holidays Closed
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• HAPPENINGS •

LETORT VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) 245-4329

Pershing Tavern: Open Wed-Thur 4-10pm. Tavern menu will be available 5-9pm. Open to the Public.

Shuttle Bus available every Thur from 5-10pm - call 717-226-3985 to schedule pick up.

Traditional Thanksgiving Feast: Nov 23. Reservations from 10:30am-12pm and 1-2:30pm. Adults $26.95, Kids (5-12) $12.95 & 4 and under Free. Reservations required by Nov 15.

Breakfast with Santa: Dec 9 from 8-11am. Adults $12. Kids (5-10) $6 & 4 and under free. Reservations required by Dec 1.

SPORTS – 245-3906

Strength for Wisdom. U.S. Army Strength for Wisdom. U.S. Army War College and Carlisle Barracks Upcoming Events:

Yoga Tune Up: Monday and Wednesday at 10:15am and 7:30pm with Certified Instructor Linda Arcuri.

WELLBEATS: Now available at the Thorpe Fitness Center! Wellbeats provides a personalized approach to group fitness – giving people the right tools they need to reach their goals, regardless of their schedule, fitness ability or workout preferences.

Tae Kwon Do: Tue & Thu from 4:30-6pm (Sep thru May). 13-Adult (11-12 w/parent) $15 a month per person. Instructor William Beidel, 6th Degree Black Belt.

Cardiovascular Workout with some Insanity: Tue & Thu from 6-7pm (Sep thru May). $5 per person. Instructor William Beidel, 6th Degree Black Belt.

Fitness Classes: Thorpe Fitness Center. TRX, TRX (for Adults over 40), Zumba and Spinning. There is a Fee for all classes.

Performance Fitness: Mon/Wed/Fri at 6am. Optimize your strength and performance by using varied functional movements at a high intensity. Classes utilize fitness equipment on the gym floor (barbells, kettlebells, plyoboxes, etc.) Led by Brian Sarjeant, Certified CrossFit Instructor.

Massage Therapy: Thorpe Fitness Center. Appointments available Mon-Sat. 717-701-3040 (Text Only).

Personal Training: Thorpe Fitness Center. Contact Sheila Goddard 816-616-7671.

BARRACKS CROSSING FRAME STUDIO – 245-3319

Beginner Framing Classes: Call for dates and times. Learn to frame your artwork (max. four per class). Cost: $50 (all supplies included).

BARRACKS CROSSING AUTO SHOP – 245-3156

Oil Drop Off Location: Drop your oil off during normal business hours. FREE & GREEN

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GET YOUR TICKETS AT THESE GREAT LOCATIONS:

Carlisle Barracks - 842 Sumner Road (located beside Commissary)
Fort Indiantown Gap Community Club - 9-65 Fisher Ave

Baltimore Aquarium Discount Tickets: $28.25 Active Duty Military, $34.75 Adults, $21.75 Children (3-11) and $30.25 Senior (65+).

National Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center: Nov 4. Adults $43/Children 2-12 $37.50.

Koziar’s Christmas Village: Nov 17. $20.50 Adults, $19.50 Seniors 65+, $18.50 Children 4-10 and Children 3 and under Free if on lap/with seat $10.50.

New York City Rockettes Show or “Day on Your Own”: Dec 1. 2pm show. $149 p/p (orchestra seating & roundtrip transportation). Transportation only $60. Must register by Nov 17.

New York City Rockettes Show or “Day on Your Own”: Dec 15. 2pm show. $149 p/p (orchestra seating & roundtrip transportation). Transportation only $60. Must register by Dec 8.

Cyber Safety
“Do you know what your kids know?”
November 16 | 6 - 8 P.M.
ACS CLASSROOM | No Registration Required
Learn about the newest apps, hidden apps, dangerous apps, history deletion, chat rooms and predators.
Information: 245-3775 | Carlisle Barracks Army Community Services

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Holiday Tree Lighting & Commandant’s Open House
December 7 • 4:30 – 7 P.M.
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Chapel Circle
4:30 – Tree Lighting Ceremony & Carols

Chapel Assembly Hall
5 – 7pm – Visit & FREE Photo with Santa
Enjoy Kids crafts, cookies, punch, hot chocolate and coffee while visiting Santa.

Quarters 1
5 – 7pm – Commandant’s Holiday Open House
See Quarters 1 Holiday decorations and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. A shuttle bus will be provided.

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Tickets available: Baltimore Aquarium, Disney Military Salute, Universal Studios, Legoland buy 1 day get 2nd day FREE, Busch Gardens, Seaworld and more all over the US available.

BOWLING – ☎️ 245-4109

Birthday Parties: Celebrate your birthday with us! Enjoy bowling, food and friendship while leaving the set-up and cleaning to us.

Cosmic Bowling: Every Sat from 7-9pm. Top 40 Hits! Bowling! Cosmic Lights! $9 per person. Call to reserve your lanes.

After School Bowling Special: Mon-Wed-Fri from 3-5pm. Aug 11-Nov 29. Bowl for just a $1 per game! Shoe rental $2 per pair. Bowling must be completed by 5pm due to league play.

GOLF – ☎️ 243-3262

Play & Ride/Weekday Special: Mon-Thur, 12-4 pm. $24 p/p. 18 Holes. Must call for tee time.

Play & Ride/Weekend Special: Fri-Sun, after 12pm. $31 p/p. 18 Holes. Must call for tee time.

Open Golf and Driving Range: Open Mon-Fri, 7am-dusk and Sat-Sun 6am-dusk.

Golf Lessons: Lessons conducted by LPGA Teaching Professional Kathy Chambers and PGA Pro Matt Hoffman.

OUTDOOR REC – ☎️ 245-4616

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CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES
McConnell Youth Services ☎️ 245-4555
Moore Child Development Center ☎️ 245-3701
School Liaison Office ☎️ 245-4638
School Age Care Programs ☎️ 245-4555

Open Recreation: Nov 4, 12-4pm, FREE

Middle School & Teen Programs ☎️ 245-4642

Indoor Ice Skating at Twin Ponds: Nov 18, 1-5pm, Meet at McConnell YC, Must register prior to event. 40 people max, $5

Lancaster Archery Tag: Dec 9 10am-3pm, Meet at McConnell YC, Must register prior to event, 20 people max, $10

Youth Sports & Fitness ☎️ 245-3354

Friday Night Dodgeball: 1st-12th grade, 7-8:45pm

Winter Youth Basketball League: Basketball is currently OPEN for registration! Practices and Games begin the first week of January. Cost is $45 per player, with a multi-sibling discount available if you’re looking to register additional children. Open to those 1st grade through 12th grade; specific divisions for each

Volunteer Youth Basketball Coaches Needed: Head coaches will receive a FREE LEAGUE FEE.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christkindlesmarkt: Dec 2
Holiday Tree Lighting: Dec 7

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Cumberland Valley’s Top Events for November 2017

The holidays are fast approaching and there are a ton of ways to get in the seasonal spirit in Cumberland Valley. Enjoy a variety of local performances and shopping events this November. Check out the Top Events below and find more details at VisitCumberlandValley.com.

Carlisle Theatre Company Presents “Into the Woods” @ Carlisle Theatre – November 3-5
“Be careful what you wish for” seems to be the ongoing theme in Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine’s Brothers Grimm inspired musical, Into the Woods.

Sip, Savor & Shop @ Brittle Bark – November 10
Enjoy a taste of Larsen Meadworks wine and a selection of hors d’oeuvres as you chat, mingle and shop with several women-owned small businesses and artists that we have invited as vendors to this special event.

Camp Michaux Walking Tour November 11
David Smith will lead the popular Camp Michaux walking tour of the old Bunker Hill Farm; Pine Grove Furnace CCC Camp; Pine Grove Furnace POW Interrogation Camp; and finally the United Church of Christ & United Presbyterian Church Camp.

Cheaper Trick @ The Luhrs Center – November 11
Cheap Trick is part of the very fiber of American music, inspiring and delighting generations with their unique union of massive melodies and razorblade riffs; along with their own special brand of mischievous wit and maximum rock ’n’ roll.

Chicago @ The Luhrs Center – November 16
Chicago’s lifetime achievements include a Grammy Award, multiple American Music Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, a Chicago street dedicated in their honor, and keys to the proclamations from an impressive list of US cities.

Camp Hill’s Candy Cane Walk @ Downtown Camp Hill – November 18
Just in time for the holidays, stroll through downtown Camp Hill and enjoy a variety of specials, promotions, demonstrations, and refreshments throughout the day.

Shippensburg University-Community Orchestra Fall Concert @ The Luhrs Center – November 19
Conductor and director Mark Hartman will lead the Shippensburg University Community Orchestra in two classics of the orchestra repertoire from the classical and early romantic eras.

Art for the Holidays @ Carlisle Arts Learning Center – November 21-December 30
CALC’s annual artist and designer boutique with a wide variety of works perfect for gift giving.

The Fine Art of Tea @ Fashion Archives at Shippensburg University – November 9
“The Fine Art of Tea” will explore the history and refinement of taking afternoon tea, and a full afternoon tea will be served. Guests will also have time to explore the current exhibit “Through the Lens of the Beholder: The Fine Art of Fashion”.

8th Annual Carlisle Christmas Craft Show @ Carlisle High School – November 4
Enjoy a one-stop Christmas shopping experience with over 200 vendors. Come out for those last-minute or truly unique Christmas gifts all made by local craftspeople, artists, and others from the surrounding region.

Exploring Cumberland Valley

BY: KRISTEN ROWE
At the Heart of it All!

What’s Happening in Lebanon Valley?

by Mary Weigley

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Hands on Nature Toddler Walk, Nov. 2
Governor Dick Park, Mt. Gretna, 10 am.

Lebanon Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Nov. 10-11th
Lebanon Expo Center, 10 am – 6 pm lebanonquiltsquild.com

Holiday Make Event, Splat Studio, Nov. 12th
Annville, 12 Noon www.splatfamilyart.com

Comic Book Convention, Lebanon Expo Center, Nov 12
10am - 6pm www.lebexpo.org

Holiday Tree Lighting, Nov. 17
9th and Cumberland Streets, Lebanon, 6 pm. www.lebanonpa.com

Holiday Parade, Nov. 18
begins at Lincoln Avenue, travels Cumberland Street to Ninth Street, 10 am. www.lebanonpa.com

Pumpkin Patch Painting Party and Bonfire, Nov 18
MJ McFalls Farm, Myerstown, 7 to 10 pm, www.brushstrokesoncanvas.com.

Christmas at the Expo, Nov. 24-26th
Lebanon Expo Center www.lebexpo.org

Mt. Gretna Cottage Crafters Holiday Show, Nov. 25th
Mt. Gretna Fire Company, 9 to 4 pm.

Kid Crafted Holiday Trees, Nov. 26
Mt. Gretna Craft Brewery, 1:30 pm. www.gretnabrewery.com

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☎ 717-267-5219

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☎ 717-245-3801

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☎ 717-267-9741

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☎ 911

Police, Fire, Ambulance: Non-Emergency
☎ 717-267-9101

Security Office
☎ 717-267-8800

DOIM Technical/Hardware Support
☎ 717-267-8000

LEAD Quality Hotline
☎ 717-267-9693 or DSN 570-9693

CAC and Military ID Office
☎ 717-267-8751

EEO office and Sexual Harassment Hotline
☎ 717-267-8324

Letterkenny Munitions Center
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US Army Occupational Health Clinic
☎ 717-267-8101

Leisure Travel Services
☎ 717-245-4048
Tuesdays
9-9:30am - Bldg 12
9:45-10:15am - Bldg 1
10:30-11am - Bldg 10
11:15-11:45am - The Hub
Noon-12:30pm - TRMD
12:45-1:15pm - LEMC

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Dear Legal Eagle,

I received a notice that my personal information was compromised in the recent Equifax security breach. What can I do to protect myself?

There are several actions you can take to make sure your information is not being used to establish fraudulent accounts or make fraudulent charges on existing accounts. It is important to remember you need to monitor both your existing accounts and your credit file in order to reduce the possibility of fraud.

The first thing you can do is monitor all of your existing credit accounts to make sure there are no unauthorized charges. Make sure you receive all of your statements every month and review the statements to ensure all of the charges made are yours. Following the Equifax breach, several credit cards now offer an option that allows you to temporarily inactivate any cards that you do not use frequently. Other cards offer usage alerts that inform you every time your card is used. Check the website for your cards or call customer service to determine the features your card has that help reduce fraud.

You can also check your credit report. You can obtain a free credit report from each of the three credit reporting agencies every year. If you get a credit report from a different agency every four months, you can monitor your credit at no cost. Free credit reports are available at annualcreditreport.com. Make sure you go to annual credit report.com because it is the only official site directed by federal law to give consumers access to free credit reports.

You can also place a fraud alert on your credit reports. To place a fraud alert on all three credit reporting agencies, you only have to call one of them and inform them of the potential fraud or data breach. The credit reporting agency you call is required to notify the other credit reporting agencies. When you have a fraud alert on your credit report, a business must verify your identity before it issues you credit. The fraud alert lasts for 90 days and can be renewed. If you place a fraud alert on your credit reports, make sure the credit reporting agencies have contact information to reach you in the event you need to use your credit.

If you are a victim of identity theft, please feel free to contact the Legal Assistance office and we will help you identify the actions you need to take to protect your identity and credit score.

Legal Eagle is brought to you this month by MAJ Julie McConnell, U.S. Army Judge Advocate. The information contained herein is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice.
A Century Since the Great War

Who here remembers the Great War or what we now call WWI? If you are like me, and don’t know much or if you are a WWI history buff you may be interested in learning more. There are a lot of great books that can be found on the subject and here are a few.

Wireless Technology

By the outbreak of World War I, wireless technology had been in existence for several decades. In the late 19th century, technology pioneers Alexander Graham Bell and Guglielmo Marconi were instrumental in the invention of devices that could transmit sound wirelessly. Radio, which was deemed “wireless technology”

The Women Behind the Suffragist Movement

Looking back a century ago the treatment of the females during the suffragist movement was inconceivable. There were numerous atrocities the suffragists succumbed for years to be given the freedom to vote. Countless picketers were jailed and force fed; their signs and banners were confiscated and destroyed; and they were often beaten and mistreated by policemen.

Women’s Right to Vote

Emmeline Pankhurst, Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, Carrie Chapman Catt, and Jeannette Rankin were just few of the women who led the Suffragist movement. The leaders of the Suffragists used World War I to their advantage to argue their cause.

July 20, 1917 – First Draft Numbers Drawn

On July 20, 1917, Secretary of War Newton D. Baker drew the first number in the draft. This selection officially started the notification of millions of men that they would go to war. By the end of the war, over 2.8 million men had been drafted.

WWI Poetry

Poets have long used their poignant words to laud, memorialize, describe, and decry war. WWI poets were no different; it was the war itself which was different, with a record around 10 million soldiers dead. This was the War to End All Wars, a rather poetic statement in and of itself, albeit one proved untrue.

From Adversity Comes Art

Some lasting artwork came from victims of shellshock undergoing occupational therapy treatment. The famous wartime poets Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon wrote for the Hydra, the inpatient magazine at the Craiglockhart War Hospital, while suffering from shellshock. The practice of encouraging sufferers of PTSD to create things continues in the form of art...

You can find these books and more at rememberww1.com

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae, 1872 - 1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
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Here’s a sample of AFAP results:

- Dedicated Special Needs Space in Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS)
- Distribution of Montgomery GI Bill benefits to dependents
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- Medical Coverage for Activated Reserve Component Families
- Military pay table (targeted pay raises)
- TRICARE for Life for eligible Retirees
- Funding for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (B.O.S.S.)
- Active Duty Enlisted Soldier Compassionate Reassignment Stabilization
- SGLI increases
- Minimum standards for Army Child Care
- In-state tuition for Military Dependents

To submit an issue or suggestion, go to your local Army Community Service (ACS), the ACS website at http://carlislebarracks.carlisle.army.mil/acs and click on submit AFAP issue, or contact us at 717-245-4357.
More than 100 Vietnam-era veterans were recognized as part of the Carlisle Barracks Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 7.


“As a garrison commander you often to get to take part in special events, but this one is that is truly special,” said Hannan. “As a Soldier, it is truly an honor to recognize you and those who paid the ultimate price during this period in our nation’s history.”

During the short ceremony, a proclamation was ready and veterans walked down to the front of Bliss Hall to receive a commemorative pin from Hannan, Lethiecq and Mark Overberg, director of the Army’s Retirement Services division.

“It was truly an honor to be recognized in this way, in front of our fellow veterans,” said retired Staff Sgt. James Vermett, who served in Vietnam from January 1967–March 1969 as a member of the 4th Infantry Division. “We didn’t have the same reception coming home that a lot of our fellow Soldiers did, so it’s really special to be a part of something like this.”

The event was the highlight of the day-long event that featured guest speakers on topics form TRICARE to Veterans Affairs updates. Tables were also set up in the Root Hall Gym to allow veterans and their families to ask questions and receive their annual flu shot.
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