



CHIT chat



F O R T M E A D E O S C

DECEMBER 2011



President's Pen

Michelle Hausman

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Dear Santa,

Remember my letter from last year? When I wrote to you about a wonderful group of ladies here at Fort Meade? Yep, we have been at it again! We have returning members that bring history and continuity to our club. We have new members with energy and fresh ideas. We have been doing a great job of putting into practice our theme of building connections. Our Friendship connections are strong thanks to the fun luncheons, special activities like Bunco, Breakfast Club, Bowling and Book Club and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/ftmeadeosc. We have even had a chance to "meet" people on Facebook before they even move here! Friendship bonds have also been built during several volunteer opportunities including National Night Out and Merry Mart.

Our Family connections are strong as well! Kids had a blast at bowling in August, and at the Trunk or Treat in October. "Dinner for 2" gave us a great night at Paladar where we got to hang out as couples. And it was so much fun to watch our kids and husbands help with the set up and take down of Merry Mart (make sure they all get something extra under the tree this year!).

Our Community connections complete our goals for the year. We took part in National Night Out,

a community fashion show at Arundel Mills, the ROWC's Veterans' Appreciation Day luncheon and we sponsored a JROTC cadet from Meade High for a leadership conference. We not only have taken care of our individual military families, but we have worked to help the MILITARY FAMILY.

My wish list for the members of the OSC:

- Stress free shopping and the will power to follow her budget.
- A holiday outfit that makes her feel like a million bucks!
- Patience when dealing with demanding family members, grumpy travel companions, and mall parking lots.
- Friends to spend the holidays with if she can't be with her family.
- A chance to relive the joy of the holidays through the eyes of a little one.
- A special moment with her hero that makes her realize that it is all worth it. And if he is deployed, a crystal clear phone call or video chat.

For myself:

- A fun and successful last 6 months as President.
- A safe holiday season and much love to our deployed service members and their families.

Thanks Santa! The milk and cookies will be waiting for you.

Michelle

PS could we PLEASE have a male spouse or two join our club?



1st Vice President

Jen Moesner

1stvice@fortmeadeosc.org

3rd Annual Cookie Tasting

Thank you everyone who came to our November Luncheon and Wall of Purses. We raised \$713.50 for our Membership Appreciation Luncheon in April! Thank you to all who donated purses and accessories (and to those who bought them). A big shout out to our vendors who donated items to stuff our purses: Michelle Hausman, Nomades, Cathy Johnston, thirty-one, Jen Moesner, Premier Designs, Teresa Pitts Moore, Mary Kay; Kim Rice, Arbonne; Diane Smith, Tupperware; Tracy Snyder, Willow House.



The 3rd Annual OSC Cookie Tasting Party at Liz Pacileo's house will be held on December 19th, at 10:00 AM. All OSC Members invited. Bring a batch of cookies (with recipe) to sample. All those

who attend will get a copy of all recipes shared! Due to the size of the function...lap babies only please. Please contact Liz with questions at ljpac@gmail.com.

Our December luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 10:30am at The Courses. The theme will be "Holiday Traditions," and we will be treated to a performance by the Archbishop Spalding Guitar Ensemble. We hope to provide you all with a relaxing luncheon in the midst of a chaotic holiday season. We will also have several vendors present for you to do a little Christmas shopping (or to get something fantastic for yourself). The cost of the luncheon is \$15. RSVP at www.fortmeadeosc.org by Tuesday, December 6.

Please contact me at 1stvice@fortmeadeosc.org if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you on December 15!



Ways and Means

Laura Paes



waysandmeans@fortmeadeosc.org

OSC is selling the 2011 White House Ornaments. They are \$18.00 and whomever is interested can reach me at lpaes@yahoo.com or 910-650-8557. Ornaments will also be available at the December OSC luncheon. If you have any questions, please contact me. -Laura Paes



Happy Holidays from the Fort Meade Officers' Spouses'

Club Family to Yours!

Have a Great Holiday and a Wonderful New Year!





2nd Vice President

Sarah Young

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Well, we made it! Merry Mart 2011 is now in the history books, and since this is the month of thanks, I want to thank all of our volunteers, committee members and vendors for making Merry Mart a success! We made \$9687.72, and I could not be prouder of our club! What struck me, especially as we were cleaning up on Sunday, was how many families were present to help. I think it is great that not only do you volunteer, but you also are teaching your kids how important it is to give your time to others.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year, we have the St. Patty's Day 5K in March and the Old Joe Golf Tournament in April to support. Whether you stand on the sidelines and cheer, participate as a committee member or are an event participant, your involvement is important! Grab your friends from your table at the luncheons and plan to volunteer together. It is much more fun to volunteer when your friends are there, and know that the committees cannot make these events happen alone! We are a club of close to 100 members, and as the old saying goes, "Many hands make for light work." So I encourage you to dig deep and find the time to make a difference in our community by volunteering!

As many of you already know, Task Force Young is casing our guidon and moving to Fort Riley, Kansas. Our truck pulls out on 16 December, and I am a mixed bag of emotion! It has truly been my pleasure to serve on the OSC board for a year and a half, and I am so glad the Michelle convinced me to step out of my comfort zone and take a position on the board.

We, military wives, learn very early on that our Sisters in Arms can become as close as family, and it makes me sad to leave some of my family behind. You welcomed us with opened arms. You have helped me when my car needed a jump, and you have celebrated many milestones with my family. THANK YOU for being a part of my life. We will never forget our time here at Ft. Meade, but as the saying goes, "I have cast my lot with a Soldier, and where he is, is home to me."

Military Discounts

20%: Champs Sports Store in Columbia Mall
Lowe's, Hot Topic, Jiffy Lube,
Play It Again Sports, Ellicott City
Bead Soup, Savage Mill
Shane's Rib Shack, Laurel
Samsonite store, Arundel Mills

15%: Picture People, Columbia Mall

10%: Home Dept, Wetzel Pretzels

Not confirmed for this area: Michael's, Pac Sun,
Bass Pro Shop, Bath & Body Works, Footlocker,
Dell, Apple, AutoZone, Nike Store, Quiznos,
Pizza Hut, KFC, Wilson's Leather

Not all locations may offer the discount. When in doubt, just show your ID and ask if the store offers a military discount.

Hospitality

Are you, or someone you know, ill, having surgery, having a baby, or just having hard times, without much help at home? Please let us know if they need a meal through our Hospitality program.

You also can sign up to bring a meal, just email me at noellarivers@aol.com or you can message me on facebook... Noella Costa Rivers.

Special Activities

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, December 8 at 10:30am at the home of Michelle Hausman

Christmas Jars

Bring a dish to share (holiday brunch), and a paperback copy of a book you love for a book swap.

To RSVP and for directions:
Michellehausman@yahoo.com

BOWLING BUNCH

Place: The Lanes at Fort Meade
Date/Time: Every other Wednesday at 9:30 AM.

Info: The cost is \$5.50 for 3 games and includes shoe rental. Bowling is usually followed by lunch. This year it will be drop-in bowling and no official league. RSVP to Liz Pacileo at ljpac@gmail.com so that she knows how many lanes to request.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday, December 12 at 9:00am at the home of Michelle Hausman in Crofton.

Please RSVP to Megan at megan_freund@yahoo.com by Friday, December 9th.

BUNCO

Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm

BUNCO will be held at Lorrie Short's house. RSVP to Lorrie at jshort@pol.net.

The cost is \$5.00 to play and bring a dish of food to share.

CRAFTERS CLUB

No meeting is scheduled at this time, please check the OSC website for club updates.

DAY TRIPPERS

Email questions and suggestions to snow29man@aol.com.

DINNER FOR TWO

Dinner for Two will continue after the holidays!

FILMS WITH FRIENDS

Films with Friends will continue after the holidays!

GOLF CLUB

The OSC Golf Club has finished for Fall. Debbie will resume making tee times in the Spring. Thank you all for your participation.

SPOUSES WHO SIP

Thursday, December 15 at 7:00pm

Spouses Who Sip will be held at Barbara Sanchez's home. RSVP and to get directions to teacherbarb2005@verizon.net.

SUPPER CLUB

No meeting is scheduled at this time, please check the OSC website for club updates.

Please contact Laura Desena with questions about the clubs we are offering this year at coalmanny@comcast.net.

I hope that you participate in the great clubs and groups this year!

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony



- Sing along with The U.S. Army Field Band's Jazz Ambassadors Brass Group and Combined Chapel Community Childrens Choir
- Visit with Santa
- Enjoy festive refreshments

December 2nd

5 pm



Contact the Chaplain's Office at (301) 677-6703 for more information.

The Fort Meade OSC invites you to our

Holiday Traditions

*Thursday, December 15, 2011
10:30 am
at The Courses*

RSVP at www.fortmeadeosc.org or email to reservations@fortmeadeosc.org



Community Events

Upcoming Events in the Community:

December 2: Annual Installation Holiday tree lighting event at Parade Field at 5:00pm

December 6: ROWC Luncheon at 11:00am

December 7: The US Army Field Band Holiday Concert at Meade High School at 7:00pm

December 10: Reindeer 5K/Fun Walk at Murphy Field House at 8:00am

December 15: OSC Holiday Traditions Luncheon

December 16: Fort Meade OSC Day Trippers White House Tour

December 19: 3rd Annual OSC Cookie Tasting

If you know of other events happening in our community please contact the OSC community liaison, Melanie Kohler at: communityliaison@fortmeadeosc.org.

Advertise in Chit Chat and the new OSC website

Spread the word about your business in our monthly newsletter and our new OSC website!

Members' prices for advertising in Chit Chat are:

\$5 for a business card-sized ad (3.23" x 1.8")

\$10 for a quarter of a page (5" x 3.75")

\$20 for two-thirds of a page (5" x 7.5")

\$40 for a full page

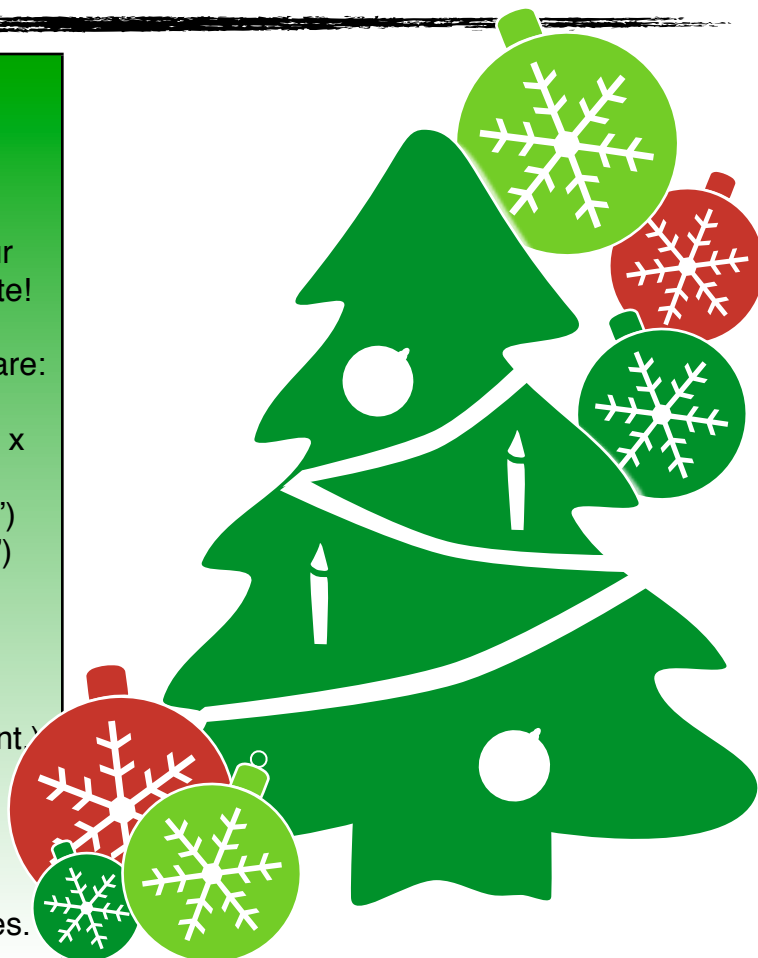
Contact Chit Chat at

chitchat@fortmeadeosc.org

(indicated rates include 50% member discount)

OSC Member ads are marked with the
OSC seal.

Please support our members with businesses.





OSC Welfare

Liz Pacileo

welfare@fortmeadeosc.org

As I write this I am humbled... Today, I was able to help with the Holiday food drive for our Post. I was humbled that there is so much need in our community, but just the same, I am proud of the outpouring of help. Thanks to your donations, and those of the Fort Meade Community, hundreds of families will sit down to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. I can't thank you all enough for helping the last two months by donating food items and purchasing Opportunity Drawing tickets.

The November and December opportunity drawing will support the annual Angel Tree for families that are stationed here at Fort Meade. I will again be asking you to bring in an item to donate at the December luncheon. As a club, we will be sponsoring 4 families of children for the Christmas Holiday. I had only planned to take a few children to "sponsor", but the need is great this year. Please consider purchasing an additional toy or item to bring to the luncheon to help make the Season wonderful for some deserving children. The items will need to be wrapped.

I am listing the ages and wishes below from the children we have been given. If you are able to help, please email me the child # you will be contributing to. You do not need to sponsor the child by yourself; I am hoping to have several people sponsor each child. I will also be able to purchase gifts to fill in as needed from the Opportunity Drawing funds.

- (1) Girl –age 12- size 3 pants, s/m junior shirts
Her wishes are: sewing material, colorful socks, and hair accessories
- (2) Girl – age 11- size 0 pants (long) s/m junior shirt

Her wishes are: colorful socks, hair bows, and jewelry making kit

- (3) Boy – age 9- size 10 pants m/l boy's shirts

His wishes are: skateboard, helmet, basketball, and socks

- (4) Girl – age 1 – size 18-24 month

Her wishes are: educational toys, music, and puzzles

- (5) Boy – age 2 – size 3T

His wishes are: Thomas the Train, SpongeBob, Elmo, and a toy car

- (6) Girl –age 11 – size 12 clothes and 9 women's shoes

Her wishes are: video games (Wii, Xbox) books, teen puzzles, and a jacket

- (7) Girl – age 7 – size 10 clothes, 3 shoes

Her wishes are: doll, books, baking, princess, DVDs, a jacket, skates

- (8) Boy – age 5 – size 5 clothes, 11 shoes

His wishes are: cars, books, sports video games, a jacket, and Legos

- (9) Boy – age 7- size boy's medium

No wishes listed

- (10) Boy – age 1 – size 18 months

His wishes are: sweatshirt and sweatpants.

Thank you so much in advance!

Liz

ljpac@gmail.com



If your Spouse works for NSA/ US CYBERCOMMAND or has a badge to get into the Agency, then you are eligible to join our FABulous family support group. We have monthly lunches, outreach projects, tours of the building, and fun. Plus a Yahoo group where we share information. If you would like more information, please contact Debbie at kalexan525@aol.com.

DAY TRIPPERS WHITE HOUSE TOUR

A reserved, self-guided tour of the White House is confirmed for the Fort Meade OSC for 47 on **12/16/2011 at 1:30 PM**. The number of people in this group may not be increased or changed. If you filled in the registration form at the October luncheon, please RSVP to Pat if you are NOT attending. Registration for this Day Trip is CLOSED.

Groups who arrive for a tour should not bring:

- Cameras or Video Recorders
- Handbags, book bags, backpacks or purses
- Food or beverages, tobacco products, personal grooming items (i.e. makeup, lotion, etc.)
- Strollers
- Any pointed objects
- Aerosol containers

- Guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size

There is no place at the White House to check a bag or a prohibited item. If it is raining, umbrellas are permitted. Cell phones and cell phones with cameras are allowed, however you will not be permitted to use them inside of the White House.

All guests 18 years of age or older will need to present photo identification with information matching the name previously submitted for clearance. Please contact Pat if you have questions regard acceptable identification or for a list of acceptable forms of ID.

Travel arrangement will be posted on the OSC website. Please check back for future updates.

COMPASS

SPOUSE TEAMS MENTORING SPOUSES

COMPASS IS A NAVAL SERVICES FAMILYLINE PROGRAM

Join the Upcoming DC Session

January 10th and 11th from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

The COMPASS Course Curriculum

- Navy History and Traditions
- Local insights
- Personal finance
- Getting along with others
- Moving in the Navy
- Anchors Aweigh
- Deployment



Registration Required:

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Register online – www.gocompass.org

Lunch is provided and childcare is reimbursed.

Call for directions – 202-433-2333 – 1-877-673-7773

– nsfamline@aol.com

December Birthdays

Jennifer Fazio- Medina 12/02

Andrea Stroh 12/03

Catherine Myers 12/08

Kristen Pollman 12/08

Robin Greenfield Franz 12/12

Brandi Downs 12/12

Dawn Howard 12/18

Holly Knoss 12/27

**Happy birthday to ALL our
December birthdays!**



Membership Application

2011-2012
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fort Meade OSC to foster a feeling of friendship among its members and preserve the ideals and traditions of our community through social and charitable activities. We work to unify the interests and activities of our members for the betterment of Fort Meade and our surrounding community.

OSC President

president@fortmeadeosc.org

Please complete and return with your annual dues of **\$30.00** to:

Fort Meade OSC
PO BOX 280
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Name _____ Birthday _____

Spouse's Name and Rank _____

Branch of Service: Air Force Army Coast Guard Marines Navy DOD

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Permanent Luncheon Reservation? YES NO

Office Use Only

Dues: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Date _____

Permanent Reservation: Y/N

Chit Chat Weekly Email Luncheon Reminder

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*Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club
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