

# CONNECTION

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Fishing with your brother is great fun! Especially when you catch a bigger fish!

The Trout Derby is great fun for everyone, on one of the summer's rare, hot days!



Waiting for the fish to bite. . .

Youngsters up to 15 years of age enjoyed the fishing



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## *Captain's Corner*

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September is a great month of the year. Kids are returning to school (just in the nick of time for many harried parents...and bored children, although they would never admit it). The weather is cooling off. High school football and soccer are in full swing. The trees are just beginning to take on their Autumnal hues. It is truly a spectacular time of the year and definitely one of my favorite seasons. It also reminds us that there are a few things to consider. We need to be cognizant of dangers to our children while they are going to and from school. Even on the base, we need to consider the safety of our children while they are waiting for the bus, or even driving themselves. I witnessed a child this morning who was shoved onto the side of the road while waiting for a school bus. Fortunately there were not any cars nearby, but I flinched even though I was on the opposite side of the road and jerked my vehicle slightly. This kind of silliness could have resulted in a serious injury or death. Remind your kids not to involve themselves in horseplay while waiting for their buses or on the buses.

There were several special events last month. On September 11<sup>th</sup> we dedicated a new fire truck at the fire house. We paused during the ceremony to reflect on the tragedy of 9/11 and say a small prayer for the families who lost friends and loved ones. We also recognized that many firemen paid the ultimate price in fulfilling their duty on that day. Like the military, the firemen have traditions and customs that carry on from generation to generation. The highlight of the ceremony was "pushing" the new fire truck into the station. This was done three times. According to retired Fire Chief James Derstine who returned for the ceremony, the pushing of the fire truck into the building dates back to the times when the fire equipment was not motorized (nor quite so heavy) and had to be manually pushed back into the fire

houses. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, we observed POW/MIA day. SSG Susan Shapiro, recently returned from Iraq, was our featured speaker and provided an uplifting message on how our people throughout the centuries have answered the call because it is the American Way. SSG Shapiro's medical group, the 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing medical squadron of the PA Air National Guard is credited with helping to provide the information to locate Saddam Hussein.

Our renovated homes are being slowly but surely delivered by the contractor. Thanks for your patience with all the construction that has gone on for the last two years. When the final units are delivered, all housing units except four will have undergone a significant upgrade. We are working on funding to get those last four renovated also. While driving around, I have noticed that several of the roads in the community need some work. Those roads will be repaired as soon as work on the houses is completed and will probably be done sometime in 2005. Let us know if there are any holes that might swallow your vehicle so that we can apply an immediate patch. Stay safe out there.

CAPT J. NABER  
Commander

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## Stocking the Trout Pond

by Sherre Mitten-Bell, DDSP Public Affairs Officer

Stocking the DDSP Trout Pond took place on August 20, 2004, in preparation for the Youth Fishing Derby. Lynn Harbold, in addition to working at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, is one of several assistants to the installation Game Warden Kurt Lytle. Lynn, along with Ken Ochs and Jim Sturm from Facilities Engineering, helped ladle 301 trout into the pond that were carried in buckets from the stock truck. Four of the fish are tagged to qualify participants of the Derby to win prizes. The largest trout is a gold Palomino, who quickly hid from view under the plant life as soon as it hit the surface of the pond.



*Stocking the pond by hand is hard work!*

The Pond is located in the natural wetland area of the installation where no buildings and few people impose on the wild life. The water that refreshes it comes from Buttermilk Falls up on River Mountain, located on the opposite side of the PA Turnpike from the pond. A spillway is used to keep the pond from flowing over its banks. Several people check on the pond regularly throughout the year and make sure the water conditions are healthy for the fish. Lynn Harbold will toss in trout pellets for the fish to eat, until a day or two before the derby. He wants to make sure they go for the bait when eager young anglers toss in their lines. After the derby the plants should be able to provide enough food for the fish that got away.

## The Day of the Trout Derby Arrives

by Sherre Mitten-Bell, DDSP Public Affairs Officer

The devoted Sportsmen of the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) Rod and Gun Club hosted a Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Installation residents and employees brought 45 youngsters, 15 years old and under, to spend a sweltering summer morning and early afternoon fishing around the banks of the well-stocked DDSP Trout Pond. Ever ready to bait a hook, untangle a crossed line, or scoop a splashing fish into a net, the Rod and Gun Club's experienced fishermen volunteered plenty of advice and helping hands to the novice anglers. "We make sure each kid hooks a fish," says Terry Shickley, current President of the Rod and Gun Club. More than 72 trout, the smallest being 11.5 inches long and the largest being 19.5 inches long, were taken home to indulge one's appetite for fresh "catch of the day."

Fishing stories were told around the tree shaded picnic tables. Bill Hodges, who works for Public Safety, learned to fish from his uncle at the age of five, more than fifty years ago. Many of the pieces of fishing paraphernalia his uncle gave him are now collector's items. However, he is pleased to pass his experiences and skills down to his grandsons Brandon and Billy. "Be patient," he advises them, "they don't always bite right off the bat. That's hard to do when everybody around you is getting fish right and left."





Brandon, who is just four, didn't hesitate to tell anyone how much bigger his fish was compared to the one his little brother caught first. As Brandon held his hands out wide in front of his face to show the size of his trout, it was easy to see how quickly a fish can grow in the mind of the beholder.

Fishing wasn't the only activity at the Derby. All who registered were given raffle tickets. Every ten minutes a drawn number was shouted across the pond, then a prize, such as a hook, rod holder, or basket was presented to a lucky participant. In order to raise money future prizes at the Fishing Derby, the Rod and Gun Club and their friends fired up a grill during the event, and sold food and beverages. Eight volunteers assisted at the event, from cooking food to registering participants, along with helping the youngster's fish.

Largest fish age 0 – 5 year olds.  
Noah Strawser 19.5”  
Prize: free mounting

Largest fish 6 – 10 year olds.  
Allison Shope 19.5”  
Prize: 2 Hershey park tickets

Largest fish 11 – 15 year olds.  
Miles Blackburn 19.38”  
Prize: 2 Hershey park tickets

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**and**  
  
**Hershey Entertainment**  
  
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of the  
Kids' Fishing Derby**



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## *Daily Hours & Events*

### *Sunday*

**1:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Open Bowling 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Mixed League 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sports on All Digital Screens

### *Monday*

**3:30 - 10:00 p.m.**

Open Bowling 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Monday Night Football 9:00 - ?

Football on all digital screens

### *Tuesday*

**3:30 - 10:00 p.m.**

Open Bowling 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Ladies League 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

### *Wednesday*

**3:30 - 10:00 p.m.**

Open Bowling 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Mixed League 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

### *Thursday*

**3:30 - 10:00 p.m.**

Open Bowling 3:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Red Pin Bowling 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.

### *Friday*

**3:30 - 11:00 p.m.**

Open Bowling 3:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Free Bowling 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Open Bowling 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

### *Saturday*

**2:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

Open Bowling 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Red Pin Bowling 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.

ESPN Game Plan/College Football

**Join the fun & fund raising!**

**Depot Women's Club  
Make, Bake, Donate Auction**

Bring items for our November Auction to the  
October 20 Luncheon at the Susquehanna Club.

**October 20  
Luncheon**

**Social: 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon: 12:00 p.m.  
Susquehanna Club**

**Items for Auction:  
Baskets filled with  
any goodies or items  
you want to make or  
bring to donate for  
the auction.**

**Auction  
November 17, 2004**

**10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Social & Previewing  
Auction Items**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Luncheon**

**12:00 p.m.  
Auction Starts**

For more information, call Kate Stevens  
at 766-7717.





*You're invited to a  
Welcome Coffee/Tea  
Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. 2004  
7:00 p.m.  
Community Center, DDSP*

*Open to all spouses of all active duty military members working within any command or tenant command in DDSP; active duty female military members, and spouses of retired military members residing in the area.*

*Enjoy coffee/tea & desserts.*

*Join us for a fun evening!*

*For more information, please call  
Sook Yee Naber*

*at  
728-9909*



**NEW CUMBERLAND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

In order to serve you better, the New Cumberland Federal Credit Union is now open Monday through Friday in Building 2001.

Monday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

In addition to the expanded hours, New Cumberland Federal Credit Union now has a Branch Manager in EDC and Building 54 to discuss, approve and disburse your loan request!

***It's Coming!***

November is  
**Military Family Month**

Watch for information on the book exchange and family celebration at the Bowling Center on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and more activities in November's Connection!

# DoD Changes Policy Regarding Newborn Enrollment in TRICARE Prime:

Excerpt from National Military Family Association

Effective January 1, 2005, parents of newborns or newly-adopted children will have 60 days to enroll the child in TRICARE Prime rather than the current 120 days. For purposes of co-payments, cost-shares, and deductibles, newborns are deemed to be enrolled in TRICARE Prime for the first 120 days if the sponsor is in TRICARE Prime. If they are not enrolled in Prime within 120 days - soon to be *60 days* - their care is charged at TRICARE Standard rates. In response to NMFA's questions regarding the reasons for the change, TRICARE Management Activity officials noted that, while the 120 day period to facilitate Prime enrollment was initially believed to be ample time to complete that transaction, they now think 120 days is excessive, and that 60 days is plenty of time for nearly all cases. TRICARE Regional and Overseas Offices will have the authority to waive the 60 day requirement and allow up to 120 days when the beneficiary requests this because of extraordinary circumstances. An example would be a delay in obtaining required documentation to make the child DEERS eligible, which may be beyond the control of the parents. Unless waiver authority is granted, however, civilian newborn claims will begin processing under TRICARE Standard rules with applicable deductibles and cost-shares as of day 61.

Officials cite the following as the primary reasons for the change:

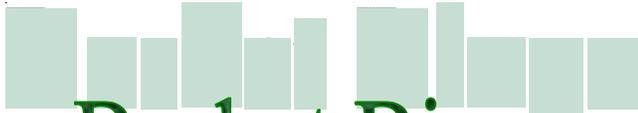
The change supports continuity of care by requiring families to make a Prime enrollment decision earlier, thereby ensuring that the newborn's care is properly managed by a PCM at an earlier date. Under the previous policy, newborns could be seen by multiple providers prior to the Prime enrollment decision and this could possibly have a negative impact on the child's continuity of care.

This change will minimize family out-of-pocket costs for any civilian health care received for newborns during the 60 day period and ensures priority access to the MTF if the family is enrolled with providers there.

The change reduces the number of newborn claims that must be individually worked by the TRICARE contractors during the "deemed enrolled" period and simplifies the processing of these claims, thereby reducing government costs and avoiding delays in processing and payment. Because newborn claims have to be managed separately from other Prime claims because these claims do not have a requirement for referral and pre-authorization, processing these claims is an additional cost to the government.

The change brings TRICARE more in line with civilian industry standards. A survey done by TRICARE in 2000-2001 reflected that almost all civilian insurance companies allow only 30 days to get newborns/adoptees enrolled/registered in the health plan. It was determined that 60 days would be more appropriate for TRICARE because of unique situations that families face, with the option to request waiver authority up to 120 days for those families who are truly in an extraordinary situation and require additional time.

TRICARE officials note that the change in TRICARE Prime enrollment policy does not affect the current requirement that newborns and newly-adopted children be enrolled in DEERS within 365 days of birth or adoption to retain eligibility for TRICARE benefits. To view the policy document on newborn enrollment in TRICARE Prime, go to: <http://www.ha.osd.mil/policies>. For information on newborn enrollment in DEERS, go to: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/newborn.cfm>. For more information, call your local TRICARE representative, Frances Jackson, at (717) 770-4941.



# Basket Bingo

Advanced Tickets ~ \$18

At the Door ~ \$20

For tickets call:

770-6932

770-5234

766-9277

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Susquehanna Club  
New Cumberland, PA



Doors open at 11:30  
a.m.

**Bingo Begins at 1:00  
p.m.**

Smoke Free Event  
Concessions Available

Proceeds benefit the Underprivileged Children's Holiday Party at New Cumberland

# Halloween Parade

The Child Development Center will have its Annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Trick or Treaters will depart building 255 at approximately 09:30 a.m. and haunt all bystanders between buildings 255 and 81. Please feel free to join us in our spooky, treat filled adventure! Parents of children not enrolled in CDC must accompany their children to participate in the parade.

Date: Oct 23, 2004

Rain or Shine

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: EDC Executive Dining  
Area OS142A

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## Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

- Tuesday, October 5 4:30 p.m.  
**All Neighborhoods Social**  
Bldg 400 - behind clinic
- Wednesday, October 6 11:00 a.m.  
**All You Need to Know About  
Domestic Violence** 2:30 p.m.  
In-Flight Cafe Annex
- Thursday, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 9:30 a.m.  
**ParentWorks Play Group**  
Building 400 - behind clinic
- Wednesday, October 13 11:00 a.m.  
**Caregivers' Resource Seminar**  
In-Flight Cafe Annex

“Do not save your loving speeches  
for your friends till they are dead.  
Do not write them on their tombstones  
speak them now rather instead.”  
*Anne Cummins*

### **Domestic Violence Prevention Month**

What is more haunting than domestic violence?  
Be Your Child's Superhero.  
Take a Stand Against Domestic Violence!  
For more information call 770-7066.

*“Is slapping a waitress acceptable when service is poor? Is it okay to hit the mechanic who didn't do the job the way you wanted it done? Can employers strike employees who miss a deadline or show up late for work?”*

*The answer is obvious: of course not! Why then does society look at the same behavior differently when it happens inside our homes? Our society seems to expect and tolerate violence between partners... so long as it doesn't go too far.”*  
Life Skills Education, Inc.

## Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Art Exhibit by Guest Artist

Each October, the Department of Defense joins civilian organizations to commemorate Domestic Violence Prevention Month. Last month, Family Advocacy Program (FAP) hosted a reception for Rebecca DelliCarpini, a local artist, as the “kick off” for Domestic Violence Prevention Month. The art exhibit is on display at the EDC Employees' Entrance Lobby near the In-Flight Café.

Ms. DelliCarpini worked on this project as part of interdisciplinary research at the Humanities Program at Penn State University Harrisburg campus. Using an interdisciplinary base, Ms. DelliCarpini's work combines the fine arts with women's history, women's social issues, art history and scriptural & mythological narrative. Through her work, she asks women and men in our own culture to reconsider issues like domestic violence through the experience of art. Her creative production shows that scholarship and art can be brought together to provoke thought.

Other visual displays will be shown, including the 2003 Pennsylvania Domestic Violence Fatality map, FAP's new “What's Behind Closed Doors” exhibit and other pieces that challenge all of us to take an active role to end domestic violence.

Table displays in high traffic areas on the installation will focus on domestic violence, and purple ribbons will be available to show support of domestic violence prevention. We will also display at various locations “Silent Witness” silhouettes that represent victims of domestic violence. If you wish to learn more about this issue, you can attend one of the information sessions scheduled for October 6 or call 770-7066. Purple ribbons are worn in honor of Domestic Violence Prevention Month. If you or someone you know is the victim of violence and you do not know how to proceed, call FAP at 770-7066.

# Tips on Talking with Your Children!

*Excerpted from Building Blocks for a Healthy Future*

Talk with your children. No matter how old they are, talking with them is one of the most important things you can do to help them grow up confident and secure. When they start school with strong communication skills, they will be better prepared to learn and become successful students.

Ask questions that require more than a one word answer, such as “yes” or “no.” Ask them to explain something or talk about a story you read together. Answer your children’s questions thoughtfully and encourage them to answer their own questions. If you don’t know an answer to a question, tell them so and suggest ways to find the answer together.

Value your children’s answers. Don’t use your talks as a chance to criticize or blame. If your children are unafraid to talk with you, help them improve or change behavior. Listen closely. If your children believe their feelings and ideas are valued, they will be more likely to talk openly and you can learn a great deal about how they think and what they feel. You can help set the stage for your children to continue to share their thoughts and feelings as teenagers.

Read stories to your children. Let them see you read. Take them to the library for story telling and to choose books to take home and share with you. Reading together helps children learn about language and share something wonderful with you in a close, warm atmosphere. And, it opens their world to authors of all kinds of books and stories from all over the world.

Tell stories to your children. Children love to hear stories. Tell your children stories about when they were younger. They love hearing these and they make children feel valued. Tell them stories you loved hearing when you were a child. Tell stories about yourself when you

were a child and about other family members. These stories give children an important understanding of family history. They also show how family members work, play, make mistakes, and celebrate successes together.

## Discussion Starters

Good talks are based on open-ended questions. First, decide how you would answer and what you believe your children would say. Then, talk with your children to find out how they would answer the questions.

1. What is your favorite thing to do?
2. What is your favorite thing to eat?
3. Which would you rather do? Play ball or play cards? Why?
4. What makes you angry? What do you do when you’re angry?
5. What scares you? What do you do when you’re scared?
6. What three words would you use to tell another person about yourself? Why those three words?
7. When do you feel bored? What do you do to stop being bored?
8. What do you like best to do with (a member of the family)? Why?
9. Who’s your favorite friend?
10. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

## ... and Another Discussion Starter

One of the best ways to have conversations with younger children is to read to them or with them. In terms of child development, the importance of exposure to books and reading is well documented.

## Children's Book Exchange Coming to DDSP in November



There are activities throughout November to encourage and motivate children to read. We will be offering a children's book exchange at our new

Child and Youth Development Center. Families are invited to bring in children's books during the week of November 15 - 19. You will receive a ticket for each book you drop off. On November 22 and 23, your child can redeem the tickets to pick out "new" books. All families are invited to participate in this activity.

Reading sessions at the Child Development Center are scheduled throughout November. If interested in reading a short story to our children, call 770-7066 or 770-7669.

## Military Spouses Need a Short Break from the Kids?

Many local military personnel are deployed or otherwise assigned away from home for more than thirty days. As a result, we have a significant number of temporarily "single" parents. If you live on or nearby DDSP and would like a day or part of a day free of child care responsibilities, you will want to find out more about the DDSP Family Advocacy Program's respite care initiative. In partnership with the Child and Youth Development Center, you may be entitled to a few hours of free of charge child care. For more details, call the Family Advocacy Program at 770-7066.

## ParentWorks Playgroup

**Thursdays**  
**9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**



**Bldg. 400 Playroom**  
*(behind Health Clinic)*  
*for military parents and their children*  
*younger than 6 years*

*For more information, call 770-7066.*

## Vacancy Announcement

Family Services has a complete list of Non-Appropriated vacancy announcements. Visit Family Services, Building 2001 Second Floor to obtain your copy of the list and applications.

## Auto Center October Special

expires October 29, 2004

**Oil Change, Lube & Filter - \$19.95**  
**(Includes up to 5 quarts of oil.**  
**Some filters will cost extra.)**  
**Call 770-5701 for your next**  
**appointment.**

# School Bus Safety Rules

Excerpt from National Safety Council web page

For some 22 million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Each year many children are injured or killed in school bus incidents.

Although drivers are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, children should not rely on them to do so. The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their children these rules for getting on and off the school bus.

## Rules for Getting On and Off the School Bus

When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness.

- \* Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- \* Wait for the bus to stop the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- \* Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

## Behavior on the Bus

- \* On the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed.
- \* Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.
- \* Keep aisles clear - books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
- \* Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.
- \* At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the hand rail.

## Getting off the School bus

- \* If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.
- \* Make sure that the driver can see you.
- \* Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing.
- \* When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- \* Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.
- \* Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

## Correct Way to Cross the Street

- \* Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.
- \* They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.
- \* If students' vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, students should move to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles - then stop, and look left-right-left again.



*School Age children line up for the school bus.*

## Military Augmenters Receive Firearms Training

Merritt J. Frownfelter Sr., Administrator, Police Services Branch

On August 16 and 17, 2004, 16 military personnel received updated firearms training to support DDSP Police Services as Security Force Augmenters.

Officers Mark Dicker and Kevin Mitchell, certified Federal Firearms Instructors led the military members through their paces on the Beretta 9 mm pistol, Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun and M-16 rifle.



(Officer Dicker observes military members in M-16 familiarization)

After the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, military members served as additional Security Forces to augment DDSP Police Officers during increased security incidents. This training to sustain current qualifications with both pistols and rifles provides increased flexibility and response to domestic and terrorist threats.

All branches of the United States military, and the Australian Royal Army were represented during the training.

## New Program Aims to Help Military Spouses Interested in Teaching

Excerpt from military.com

WASHINGTON - Spouses to Teachers (STT), Department of Defense's (DoD) latest attempt to assist military spouses interested in teaching, is serving a similar purpose as the popular Troops to Teachers program, an official said.

DoD established Troops to Teachers (TTT) in 1994, and responsibility for the program was recently transferred to the U.S. Department of Education. TTT was created to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America, according to the Troops to Teachers Web site.

Michael Melo, director of a Spouses to Teachers pilot program in Virginia, explained that TTT laid the groundwork for STT in providing individual state information. Melo is also the director of Virginia's TTT program.

STT is currently a pilot program in 6 states: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. The program was prompted by military spouses who were already teachers or interested in teaching, but were facing difficulties finding certification requirements and job information when they moved, Gary Woods, acting director of DoD educational opportunities, said.

Melo and Woods said the program would offer information, counseling and guidance to eligible, interested individuals. Initially, eligibility is limited to those with a bachelor's degree who are spouses of active duty service members and members of the Selected Reserve or Individual Ready Reserve on extended duty.

It will also offer limited financial assistance to help defray the costs of meeting state certification requirements in the pilot states.

On the future STT Web site and in offices that will be handling the program, the goal is to provide information on teacher-certification requirements within a state, what kinds of jobs are available, and what kind of

reciprocity exists between the system they're currently teaching in and systems they may potentially be transferring into, Woods said.

These sources also aim to make spouses aware of additional course requirements for certification or credentialing within the new state and make sure spouses know where they can turn for potential financial assistance in order to pursue those courses.

Because of that established network, the Virginia STT office is able to help transferring spouses become aware of how they may need to augment their certification, as certifications are not always accepted in a different school system, Melo said.

"Because of the network we have from Troops to Teachers with the Department of Education, with the school districts, with the colleges, we're able to provide that information that the spouses needs on what they need to do to be certified in a particular state," Melo said. "If it has reciprocity, there are always intricate little details that it doesn't necessarily transfer over completely."

Even before the Web site has been posted, the response has been positive, Melo said. "We're actually surprised at the number of phone calls we've already received." Already four spouses are in the Virginia pilot program, and one has entered an academic program that will lead to licensure.

While the program serves spouses interested in teaching, it also helps ease the burden of a national teacher shortage. The benefits, however, are not limited to the schools that stand to get quality teachers out of the program. The students reap rewards as well.

Like the former troops who take up chalk and eraser, military spouses bring some of the same skills to the classroom.

"The military spouse has variety of life experiences that they've gained as a military spouse," Melo said. "So when they come into the classroom they bring those same experiences so they can impart those life experiences in the learning process of the students."

Military families can come out ahead, too. Woods said this provides an opportunity for a spouse to pursue a degree and a career that will provide the family a better income over time. "One of the things that we're primarily interested in right now is providing access to careers for spouses that will enhance the family bottom line," he said.

### **Free Packing Materials Available**

The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas. To take advantage of this service call: 1-800-610-8734 and press 1 (for English & then 3 for an operator) and they will send you free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels. These products are to be used to mail care packages to service members.



**Transition Assistance Program (TAP)  
for military members leaving the  
military is scheduled for**

**October 26 - 28**

**at**

**Building 315**

**from**

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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# Install Smoke Alarms Correctly and Test Them Regularly

by Henry Hoffman, DDSP Assistant Fire Chief

Fire can grow and spread so quickly! Having working smoke alarms in your home can mean the difference between life and death. But these lifesaving devices are only effective when they're working properly. Smoke alarms with batteries that are dead, disconnected, or missing can't alert you to the dangers of smoke and fire.



Follow these tips to ensure that your smoke alarms are installed correctly and tested regularly. Once the alarm sounds, you may have as few as two minutes to escape. By learning how to effectively use the smoke alarm's early warning to get out safely, you'll reduce your risk of dying in a home fire.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area. New homes are required to have a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and all smoke alarms must be interconnected.

Hard-wired smoke alarms operate on your household electrical current. They can be interconnected so that every alarm sounds regardless of the fire's location. This is an advantage in early warning, because it gives occupants extra time to escape if they are in one part of the home and a fire breaks out in another part. Alarms that are hard-wired should have battery backups in case of a power outage, and should be installed by a qualified electrician.

If you sleep with bedroom

doors closed, have a qualified electrician install interconnected smoke alarms in each room so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.

If you or someone in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, consider installing an alarm that combines flashing lights, vibration and/or sound.

Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Ceiling mounted alarms should be installed at least four inches away from the nearest wall; wall-mounted alarms should be installed four to 12 inches away from the ceiling. If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the alarm near the ceiling's highest point.

Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.

Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers, or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.

Activity	Manager	Building	Telephone Number
Auto Center	Jim Marshall	250	770-5701
Auto Hobby	Wayne DeWolf	250	770-5699
Bowling Center	Wayne DeWolf	412	770-7325
Child Development Center	MaryAnn Jordan	351	770-7525
Defense Dining Facilities	John Ewell	2001	770-5125
Family Advocacy Program	Rick Pedzwater	2001	770-7066
Family Services	Karen Zinich	2001	770-5073
Financial Management	Charles Huck	2001	770-4926
Fitness Center	Wayne De Wolf	459	770-6428
Housing and Lodging	Kasandra White	268	770-8938
QOL Chief	Herb Messner	2001	770-5519
QOL Customer Service	Wendy Keesey	2001	770-5072
Recycling Center	Jim Marshall	49B	770-5961
Relocation Assistance	Rose Ditzler	2001	770-7737
Riverview Golf Club	Bob Dunkinson	300	770-5199
School Age /Youth Services	Amanada Munoz	286	770-6768
Susquehanna Club	Sharen Ewell	79	770-3030

# Calendar of Events

Oct 1-24, **Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire**, 83 Mansion House Road, Manheim, PA 17545. Spend a day 400 years in the past on a 35 acre shire in Renaissance England. Hundreds of colorfully costumed, interactive characters. Armored knights in live jousts, a human chess match, and exciting stunt shows each day. Children's stage and petting zoo. More than 80 shows on 12 stages each day by talented musicians and performers of all kinds. Rt. 72 just off PA Turnpike exit 266. Adults \$23.95, children \$8.95. Discount tickets available at [www.parenfaire.com](http://www.parenfaire.com). 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekends.

Oct 1-31, **The Star Gazer Planetarium**, The State Museum, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. This show is a three-part personal look at astronomy through the eyes of astronomer, Jim Kaler, and Nichelle Nichols (Uhura from the original "Star Trek"). It begins with a child's curiosity and progresses to the science of gravity, light, the spectrum, and how they help us to decipher the life cycle of stars. Please call 787-4980 for information.

Oct 2-3, **Living History Program - Union Infantry**, National Civil War Museum, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17103, Saturday 10:00 a.m., Sunday 12:00 p.m. Call 260-1861 for information.

Oct 3, **Pennsylvania Indians**, Fort Hunter Museum, 5300 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. At this history festival, visitors will enjoy learning through demonstrations, exhibits and hands-on activities, how Native Americans in this region once lived and thrived. 2:00 p.m. Call 599-5751 for information.

Oct 5, **October Social - all neighborhoods**, Building 400, Playroom, 4:30 p.m.

Oct 8-10, **Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show**, Farm Show Complex, Cameron and Maclay Streets, Harrisburg. Call (814) 863-3657 for information.

Oct 14-23, **Pennsylvania National Horse Show**, Farm Show Complex, Cameron and Maclay Streets, Harrisburg. Call 770-0222.

Oct 16, **Candlelight Dinner**, Fort Hunter Museum, 5300 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Elegant dinner in the setting of historically preserved buildings. Limited space available. Admission: Cost To Be Announced (preregistration required). Call 599-5751 for information.

Oct 21, **Third Day Returns to Giant Center**, Giant Center, Hershey, PA 5:00 p.m. Call 534-3911 for ticket information.

Oct 23, **Hershey Bears vs Philadelphia Phantoms**, Giant Center, Hershey, PA 7:00 p.m. Call 534-3911 for ticket information.

Oct 24, **Zone II Hunter Finals Horse Show**, Farm Show Complex, Cameron and Maclay Streets, Harrisburg. Call (610) 395-1913.

Oct 28, **New Cumberland Borough Trick or Treat Night**, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Oct 30, **Out of the Ordinary Tales for Halloween**, Fort Hunter Museum, 5300 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Be gently haunted by stories appropriate for all of the family. Admission: \$5 adults; \$2.50 children. Call 599-5751 for information.

Oct 30, **Hershey Bears vs. Rochester American**, Giant Center, Hershey, PA 7:00 p.m. Call 534-3911 for ticket information.

Oct 31, **Basket Bingo**, Susquehanna Club, DDSP, Doors open at 11:30 a.m., Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. Advance Tickets - \$18, Door - \$20. Call 770-6932, 770-5234 or 766-9227

Oct 31, **Hershey Bears vs Norfolk Admirals**, Giant Center, Hershey, PA 5:00 p.m. Call 534-3911 for ticket information.

# Octoberfest

## Susquehanna Club

October 15



\$5.00 for members  
\$8.00 for non members  
Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.



### Menu

Grandma's Boneless Baked  
Chicken Breast  
Pork Loin with Crunchy  
Crust

Smoked Sausage  
Sauerkraut  
Whipped Potatoes/  
Homemade Pork Gravy

Green Beans  
Sauteed Squash  
German Potato Salad

### Speise Karte

Omas Huehnerbrust  
- gebakt ohne Knoche  
Schweinfleischlende mit  
zermalmener Kruste

Dampfenwurst  
Sauerkraut  
Kartoffelbrei mit  
Schweinfleisch Soße

Grüne Bohne  
Junge Mohrrüben  
Kartoffel Salat

*The Susquehanna Club reserves the right to cancel, if a minimum number of reservations are not made.  
To reserve your space, call 770-3030 no later than October 12, 2004.*