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# Community

DECEMBER 2012

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## Fort Meade

[www.meadepicerne.com](http://www.meadepicerne.com)

### Neighborhood Offices

Heritage Park and Normandy Bluffs  
2699A Ninninger Road  
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410-672-2000

Meuse Forest  
8700 91st Division Boulevard  
[meuseforest@picernemh.com](mailto:meuseforest@picernemh.com)  
410-672-2475

Midway Common  
7601 29th Division Road  
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410-672-2301

Potomac Place and Patriot Ridge  
4998 Second Corps Boulevard  
[potomacplace@picernemh.com](mailto:potomacplace@picernemh.com)  
410-672-2981



Please join us on Saturday, December 1, 2012, for our 9th annual holiday season celebration! Picerne Military Housing has organized another spectacular holiday celebration for all Fort Meade residents. The event will be hosted at the Potomac Place Neighborhood Center from 2-5 p.m. Holiday fun for the entire family includes photos with Santa, candy cane train rides through the neighborhood and creating crafts with the kids. Be sure to bring your camera, there will be many opportunities for photos! Plenty of hot chocolate and festive treats are available for all Fort Meade Residents! Picerne Military Housing looks forward to celebrating the holiday season with you and your loved ones!



## RRG Spotlight

Ovens, grills and burners should be kept free of grease and food spills to prevent fires and to avoid build-up which is difficult to remove and could result in a cleaning charge upon move-out.

## Changes to your BAH

As you may know, the 2013 Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rates will be issued for viewing on the Department of Defense (DoD) website in the month of December. Duty stations in the area may experience BAH rate changes. As the New Year begins and changes such as these occur, please make sure that your Neighborhood Office has all of your most up-to date information to include family size, promotions received, changes in your BAH, etc. If you are a service member under the marines or coast guard, please adjust your allotment so that it reflects the 2013 BAH rates between January 1 and January 15.

## Service Schedules



Picerne Military Housing offers a variety of services to make your life easier. Don't forget to check out [www.meadepicerne.com/residents/calendar](http://www.meadepicerne.com/residents/calendar) for your trash, recycling, lawn care and pest control schedules.



**Avoid opening the oven door during baking. A large amount of heat escapes every time you open the door.**

## Six Things to Know for Snow!

Fort Meade's first snowfall may be right around the corner. Picerne Military Housing has the following snow removal procedures in place:

- Picerne provides snow removal services for all streets in the housing areas.
- Snow removal begins after two inches of snow has accumulated and will continue until the roadways are passable.
- All major thoroughfares will be cleared before the clearing of side streets.
- Main walkways, specifically school access routes, will be cleared. This does not include sidewalks leading up to resident homes or driveways.
- Ice melting agents will be provided based on availability for residents at the Neighborhood Office.
- Many housing area roadways are marked as "Snow Emergency Routes." It would help Picerne clear the roads in an efficient and complete manner if residents refrain from parking on these roadways during and immediately after winter storms.



## AFTB

Army Family Team Building (AFTB) is the primary education and training mechanism for Army families. On each installation, AFTB works to educate and empower members of the military community to develop skills and behaviors that strengthen self-reliance, promote retention and enhance readiness. In addition, the AFTB program provides an opportunity to volunteer and for service members to receive

promotion points.

The AFTB program consists of three course modules which serve as building blocks that focus on Army culture, leadership and interpersonal skills.

Level 1: "Army 101" courses are targeted toward family members new to the Army.

Level 2: "Management Training" courses are targeted toward those who are emerging leaders in the Army community

Level 3: "Professional/Personal Development" courses are targeted toward leaders in the Army community to foster productive, cohesive groups. For more information about the AFTB program and training dates, contact your AFTB Coordinator at 301-677-5590. In addition, the training courses are available online at the Army OneSource website at [www.myarmy-onesource.com](http://www.myarmy-onesource.com).

## Holiday Decorating Contest



Picerne Military Housing invites all residents to participate in the annual Holiday Decorating Contest during the week of December 17. Winners from each neighborhood will receive a gift card and will be chosen based on creativity and the overall impression of their yard. Check the Soundoff! for more information.

## SATISFACTS - FEEDBACK NEEDED

Our goal is to provide the best homes, community, service and value. To let us know how we are performing a representative from SatisFacts Research may call or email you to conduct a survey. The survey only takes about 5 minutes and is voluntary. You have the option to have your name included or you can complete the survey anonymously. Please note that calls are not sales calls.

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, December 1, 2012**  
December in the City  
Potomac Place, 2-5pm



**Thursday, December 6, 2012**  
Sound the Bells! US Army Field Band  
Meade High Auditorium, 7pm

**Friday, December 7, 2012**  
Meade Tree Lighting Ceremony  
McGlachlin Parade Field, 5pm

Stay up-to-date with Fort Meade's event calendar! Go to:  
[www.meadepicerne.com/residents/calendar](http://www.meadepicerne.com/residents/calendar)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Our Family for Families First, John G. Picerne's private charitable foundation, was established to support the educational goals of children and spouses of active-duty Service Members. The Foundation offers up to \$50,000 college scholarships for active-duty Service Members' children and \$5,000 educational grants for active-duty Service Members' spouses. Children and spouses are eligible to apply if their Service Member is stationed at Forts Polk, Bragg/Pope AFB, Meade, Rucker, Riley, Sill or Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Scholarship and grant applications for 2013 are now available online at [www.ourfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.ourfamilyfoundation.org).

The Foundation is accepting applications from children of active-duty Service Members. Children applying for a college scholarship must be graduating high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative un-weighted GPA at

the time of application, and must attend a four-year institution. Applications are due February 14, 2013.

The Foundation is also now accepting applications from spouses of active-duty Service Members. The \$5,000 educational grants are open to students in any phase of education with plans to attend a community college, technical college, or university. Applications are due May 9, 2013.

Please review the information located on the website for eligibility requirements and to learn more about the programs. The Foundation is committed to supporting military families in the pursuit of higher education and has awarded more than \$3.5 million since 2006.

For additional information, please contact [info@ourfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:info@ourfamilyfoundation.org) or 401-228-2836.

