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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, October 7th will be a very busy day filled with lots of tradition, activities and entertainment for all.

The AFRH 55th Annual Antique Assembly will take place in the rear parking lot behind the old Security building where it was last year. Cars will begin to line up as early as 8:00 a.m. but most cars will roll in between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. to be judged. Stop by @ 12:15 p.m. to see the Nation's Capitol Model T Club demonstration and view the many cars on display. The awards will be given out at 12:30 p.m.

The Oktoberfest will be held at the Golf Course from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. this same day. Come and enjoy German music and dancers, food vendors, craft beer, arts and crafts vendors, kite flying, story telling and much more. There will be something for everyone. Bring your family and friends.

Both events are open to residents, employees and guests. The shuttle will run for this day from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.!

FOCUS GROUP CHANGES

The Senior TV Focus Group originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th will take place at a later date to be determined. The contract has been signed, but it will take a few weeks for all the information to be ready for presentation to Residents. When it is ready, a special Senior TV Focus Group will be announced.

The Focus group on October 9th will now concentrate on the layout of programs and services on the Main Floor of the new Scott Building.

EAGLE GATE IS CLOSED

Traffic patterns have been changed to accommodate the safe entry and exit of the AFRH grounds during the Scott and Eagle Gate construction projects.

There are two gates open during the construction:

Randolph Street Gate: This gate is open to both pedestrian and vehicle traffic. It is open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. This gate is the temporary replacement for the Eagle gate.

Scale Gate: This gate is open to vehicle traffic exiting onto North Capitol Street. It is open Monday – Friday during the hours from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Scale Gate is closed on weekends. (6/1/2012)

PLEASE HELP: One of the remote controls is missing from the fitness center on the ground floor. Please return it as soon as possible.

BUSINESS CENTER NEWS

*** RESIDENT *** FEE *** REMINDER ***

Residents who do not bring in their paperwork may have to pay the maximum fee.

In order to calculate your 2013 resident fee, the Business Center will make copies of your tax return and ALL supporting documentation.

Collection hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8am-12pm and 1-4pm. The Business Center is located in the Sheridan Room 1307.

NOTE: If you do not file taxes please be advised you still need to submit your Social Security 1099 and/or VA Benefits, Civil Service Pension, Military Pension, CRDP/CRSC statements. In addition, you will need to sign a statement acknowledging you do not file taxes.

If you pay the maximum resident fee you must visit the Business Center to sign a max waiver letter exempting you from submitting the above stated documentation.

TOASTMASTERS

The Jim Hammitt WNDY Toastmasters Club meets the 2d and 4th Thursdays of each month. Currently the Club is meeting at 1200 to 1300 in Room 1103 - Sheridan Building.

Membership is open to all Residents, Employees and Visitors at the Armed Forces Retirement Home Washington.

237th USMC Birthday

Defense Logistics Association (DLA)

Date: 8 November

Time: 2:00 PM ceremony time

Location: Ft Belvoir

The sign up sheet is located at the PAO in BLDG 8 (Next to Eagle Gate). Space is **limited**.

POW/MIA Ceremony

Where: Suitland, MD

When: 9:00 AM – UTC

Sponsored by AFSA Chapter 102

Refreshments will be served

Residents will be able to tour the Airman's museum after the ceremony

US Navy Birthday

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) will be celebrating the 237th Navy Birthday on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 2:00-3:00 p.m., at the Headquarters Complex McNamara Auditorium, Fort Belvoir, VA. The guest speaker is Rear Admiral Anthony M. Kurta, United States Navy, Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy (N13).

The DTRA would like to extend an invitation for four to six veterans to attend our event. In celebrating this occasion, it would be an honor to recognize veterans who have served our nation!

Transportation will depart AFRH at approximately 12:45 PM. The attire for this event will be business casual. Those that desire to attend please contact the PAO directly at BLDG 8 or call ext 7551. Please sign up immediately because of the short suspense and seating is limited

HEALTHY EATING TIPS AT AFRH DINING FACILITIES

When eating in the dining room at the AFRH consider going through the diet line. The foods on the diet line are prepared with no added fat, no added salt and no added sugar. Use the following tips when selecting from the diet line:

Look for menu items that include the terms baked, broiled, braised, grilled, roasted or steamed. Drink water instead of sodas or juices. Avoid desserts (even diet desserts) and select fruit. Drink skim milk instead of whole milk.

AAFES EXCHANGE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

Please take advantage of the great Shuttle program the Exchange offers! Place your special request order with the AAFES Exchange personnel and have your merchandise shuttled to AFRH. Orders

need to be placed by 12 noon on Thursdays. You will be able to pick up your requested items the following Monday. Assistance will be provided if needed to transport the item to your room. Please Note: If you do not pick-up your merchandise within one week your merchandise will not be held. The item will be returned or sold. In addition, if you are shopping at another Exchange and you see an item you want, speak to the manager of the store and let him/her know that you want that item to be sent to the AFRH exchange. Coordination will be made between the managers. When you return to AFRH, please let the Home manager know of the expected communication to come.

WELLNESS CENTER:

- Sick call is from 8am-9am Monday-Friday. The waiting room number is 1413. Wait there and a staff member will escort you to the triage room.
- Refills, annuals physicals. post hospital follow-up, and new admissions, are scheduled by Central Appointments.
- You can make an appointment in two ways
 - by calling x 7600/7602
 - or by stopping by Central Appointment
- Flu season is approaching. The nursing team will be administering the flu vaccine soon. Flyers will be posted, to let you know the date and time.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Stanley Chapel. Enter under the green canopy. (6/15/12)

Fall Prevention 101!

Good balance is important for fall prevention in seniors and the elderly. It requires the ability to keep your center of gravity over your ankles when standing and walking.

Activities that work on stressing your balance systems will add to your overall safety at home.

Balance and mobility exercises are essential in any older adult exercise program.

As we go about our day we call on our body to keep us upright, maintain our equilibrium, anticipate obstacles and react to them, speed up and slow down, bend over and reach around corners. These all require a flexible body, good posture, and continued awareness of maintaining our center of gravity over our base of support which is usually over our ankles. There is one simple standing exercise that will help you to begin your better balance.

Geriatric Massage

As people get older, they often assume that the aches and pains they are dealing with are a part of being an older person or living in a retirement home, or any number of assumptions. Other older Americans feel that their stiffness, lack of mobility, and general soreness is a normal part of aging; nothing could be farther from the truth. The problem is there is no reason why older Americans should ever have to deal with chronic pain. Some chronic pain is caused by osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, or other conditions associated with aging, but the discomfort of these afflictions can be overcome by the application of the techniques learned by a massage therapist. There is clinical proof that massage therapy increases muscular elasticity, improves range of motion, and alleviates aches and pains that normally inhibit older Americans. In fact, massage therapy techniques can improve more than the physical pains and discomforts erroneously attributed to aging. Massage therapy is an excellent pain management tool employed at retirement homes, senior living communities, and assisted-living facilities. Additionally, the euphoric feeling of even the simplest deep tissue massage, which includes close personal contact in an intuitive and caring manner, has been shown to increase blood flow, heighten depressed immune systems, and alleviate depression associated with geriatric living conditions.

Chaplain's Office: Volunteers are needed in the Chaplain's Office to greet residents and visitors and help send and receive phone calls. Please contact Carolyn Haug at 202-541-7627 or Sheridan 1004.

DINING ROOM HOURS

- 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Food Service is requesting that all residents clear the dining hall ½ hour after the posted closing time. Food Service is asking for your cooperation because we need to clean and prepare the dining area for the next meal period. (5/22/2012)

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday, Oct 9, 2012	10AM	Scott Project Focus Group - Main Floor Programs
Tuesday, Nov 13, 2012	10AM	Scott Project Focus Group - Ground Floor Spaces
Tuesday, Dec 11, 2012	10AM	Scott Project Focus Group- Fitness, Rehab, Swim Pool
Tuesday, Jan 8, 2013	10AM	Scott Project Focus Group - Long Term Care, Assisted Living, Memory Support
Friday, Jan 25, 2013		Hensel - Phelps turns Scott building over to GSA
Jan 25-Feb 25, 2013		Installation of Furniture and Office Equipment
Monday, Feb 11, 2013		Begin to move Library to Scott
Feb 18-25, 2013		Familiarize Staff with Building
Feb 23-25, 2013		Staff packing and moving to Scott
Sunday, Feb 24, 2013		Security operational in Scott
Monday, Feb 25, 2013		AFRH takes possession of Scott Building
Monday, Feb 25, 2013	TBD	Scott Building Orientation for Residents
Tuesday, Feb 26, 2013		Resident Services, Business Center, Admin, Library, Chaplains, Social Workers offices open in Scott
Tuesday, Feb 26, 2013		Begin to move Artist Colony into Scott
Wednesday, Feb 27, 2013		Wellness Center open in Scott
Thursday, Feb 28, 2013		Recreation Therapy/Fitness open in Scott
Friday, Mar 1, 2013		Dining open in Scott
Friday, Mar 1, 2013		Post Office open in Scott
Friday, Mar 1, 2013		Scott Movie Theater open
Monday, Mar 4, 2013		Begin move of long-Term Care and Memory Support from LaGarde to Scott
Wednesday, Mar 6, 2013		Swimming pool open
Friday, Mar 8, 2013		Guest Rooms Open, Artist Colony move completed
Tuesday, Mar 12, 2013		Scott Lounge open
Wednesday Mar 27, 2013		Complete move of Long-Term Care and Memory Support to Scott; start move of Assisted Living from LaGarde to Scott
Thursday, Apr 11, 2013		Complete move of Assisted Living to Scott
Wednesday, May 1, 2013		Scott Building Opening Ceremony