



The National War College Spouses' Club Newsletter



March 2011

NWC Spouses' Club

Spring Social

Wednesday, March 16 from 10am-12pm

Please join us for the final Spouses' Social of the school year featuring a baked potato bar and some of your favorite Irish dishes.

Bring your favorite Irish dish to share or one of the suggested items below according to the first letter of your last name:

A-J: Potato toppings—such as shredded cheese, butter, bacon, sour cream, chili, etc.

K-R: Veggies or desserts

S-Z: Drinks—hot or cold, soda, juice, water
(enough for 10)

Please indicate on your RSVP what you will be bringing.

May good luck be your friend
in whatever you do
And may trouble be always
A stranger to you

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Spouse Club Tours

Spring is a beautiful time to get out and see the DC area and our Spouse Tour Committee has been busy scheduling several tours for us to enjoy.

We will tour the **Bureau of Engraving** on March 18 at noon. Family members and friends are welcome. There is plenty of room so please let Pauline know if you would like to attend, inmanarredondo@hotmail.com.

Enjoy a tour of the beautiful **Hillwood Gardens** on Friday, April 8. The mansion tour is at 11:30, the garden tour is at 12:30 and those wishing to stay for lunch can do so at 1:30. There is a \$15 charge for touring the mansion and gardens, and a separate charge for lunch. Please e-mail your RSVP to Debi Sutherland (debi_sutherland@cox.net) by March 30th. You may check out Hillwood's website for more information. <http://www.hillwoodmuseum.org/>

Tours have been arranged for the **Naval Observatory** on March 22 and 25th. If you'd like to attend contact Pauline at inmanarredondo@hotmail.com. She will need your full name and birth date and for non US citizens she will also need your passport number.

The **Marine Barracks Parade** will be held on May 6th at 7 pm. We have 75 tickets. This is open to family members. Please send me your RSVP to Pauline Arredondo as soon as possible inmanarredondo@hotmail.com.

Don't miss **Passport DC 2011**, an exploration through Washington, DC's international culture during the entire month of May. (<http://www.culturaltourismdc.org/things-do-see/passport-dc>)

Arena Stage Tour Rescheduled

The Arena Stage tour has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 10 from 12-10m (following SpICE) The tour is free but bring change for the metered parking available on the street.



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Baseball, Blossoms & Fireworks!

Saturday, April 2nd

Celebrate the cherry blossoms and springtime at Nationals Park. Cheer on the Nationals as they play the Atlanta Braves. NWC families can gather for tailgating, picnicking & socializing following this 1pm game. You can enjoy the game at Nationals stadium and the fireworks display following or both. Tickets for the baseball game are \$25 per ticket, and that price includes a \$10 voucher for food at any of the Stadium Concessionaires. After the game you can return to Fort McNair where you will have a great view of the spectacular Cherry Blossom Festival fireworks show.

The NWC Spouse Club will host a Spring Family Day in conjunction with the ball game. Look for an E-vite regarding details to the Family Day portion & be sure to RSVP if you're coming.

If you are interested in going to the game & fireworks contact your committee student social representative.

"EMPIRES SERIES"

Is pleased to announce their next speaker

Arthur Eckstein, University of Maryland

Thursday Mar 22 —Topic:

"How to Be a Roman General"

The purpose of the "Empires" series is simply to take a sophisticated and explicitly *historical* look at the experience of past Imperial powers with an eye toward the US' current "imperial" issues. The program is sponsored by the Alumni Association. And are free and open to the public.

The program runs from 1700 to 1900 in Roosevelt Hall. Refreshments will be served in the Rotunda at 1700 and the talk starts at 1730.

This event is open to the NDU community.

Spouses are invited.

*If interested in attending RSVP to
rsvp@nationalwarcollege.org*

For more information go to
www.nationalwarcollege.org/EMPIRES/index.htm



Graduation for Spouses

Next month NWC spouses who have been attending the Spouse Elective courses; will hold their own graduation on April 13.

Those who have attended at least one session can receive a diploma. If you have any questions regarding this special graduation event talk to Kim Waldron who is the point of contact, Kim.Waldron@ndu.edu

Last Chance to submit Recipes!

The NWC Spouse Club is still seeking submissions for recipes to include in a cookbook. Send your recipes to Rhonda or Jivey and include how many the recipe will serve and where the recipe came from. We will be compiling the recipes and make them available on the Spouse website.



The Jim Thorpe Sports Days! (JTSD)

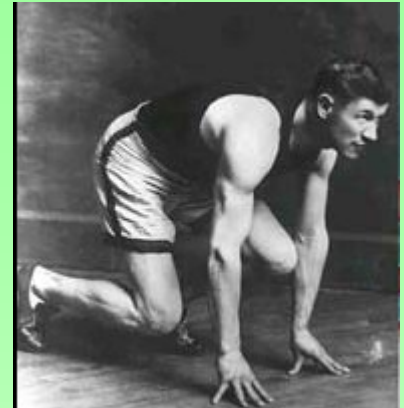
Mark your calendar for **Jim Thorpe Sports Days April 14 – 16, in Carlisle, PA!**

At Jim Thorpe Sports Days, teams from the five senior service colleges gather together to compete in 16 sporting events including the 1-mile relay, 2-mile relay; 5-mile run; 5K run; basketball, men's bowling; women's bowling; men's golf; women's golf; racquetball; soccer; softball, tennis and volleyball. The winner walks away with Commander's Trophy and bragging rights for another year. The event is held at Carlisle Army Barracks in Carlisle, PA—an easy 2-hour drive from the DC area. Families are welcome!

There will be many children's activities that will take place during Jim Thorpe Days. Hershey Amusement Park is close by and is scheduled to open from 1000-2100 on 16 April (Saturday) and 1000-1800 on 17 April (Sunday)

Make your reservations for hotels or camping early. For more information on hotel accommodations the point of contact is Jeff Broadwater.

So, who is Jim Thorpe anyway? James Franciscus "Jim" Thorpe (May 28, 1888 – March 28, 1953) is thought to be America's greatest athlete of the 20th century. Considered one of the most versatile athletes in modern sports, he won Olympic gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon, played both college and professional football, and also played professional baseball and basketball. In 1978, Thorpe was given his own national holiday, which is still celebrated on May 28.



2011 NWC Graduation Ball at the Mandarin Oriental June 3, 2011

For more information regarding this event, including tickets or hotel reservations contact your committee social representative.

NWC Spouses' Calender

SpICE meetings—Most Thursdays at (see SpICE Schedule)

Spouse Elective Courses—Wednesdays

Mark your Calendars

Arena Stage Tour (resched)	March 10
NWC Spouses' Spring Social	March 16
Bureau of Engraving Tour	March 18
Empire Series lecture	March 22
Strong Bonds Retreat	March 18-20
Naval Observatory Tour	March 25
Cherry Blossom Festival	Mar 26-April 10
National's Baseball & Fireworks	April 2
Hillwood Gardens Tour	April 8
Spouse Elective Graduation	April 13
Jim Thorpe Sports Days	April 14-16
Marine Barracks Parade	May 6
Field Studies Travel	May 6-22
NWC Graduation Ball	June 3
at Mandarin Oriental Hotel	
NWC Graduation	June 9

Spouse's International Cultural Exchange —SpICE

March 3, 2011 - All about Mardi Gras!

Sarah Banta and Jane Ivey AKA Jivey will present a program all about a good old fashion New Orleans Mardi Gras! Laissez les bons temps rouler!

March 10, 2011 - Country Briefings

Maggie, Laurie and Paulette present Canada
Sudha and Rama present India

March 17, 2011 - County Briefings

Marijke Blok will brief us on the Netherlands
Eeman will brief us on Yemen



March 24, 2011 - A visit from Windows Catering

Chef L'Huiller is a world class chef; having won the 2005 National Pastry Competition and served as Captain of Team USA in the 2006 World Pastry Competition. He is known for his tall (over 6'!!!) sugar centerpieces. He says he focuses on exquisite taste and clean looks for his pastries.

March 31, 2011 - Country Briefings

Elisabeth will brief us on Austria
Monsey will brief us on Guatemala

Late March/ Early April (Not on a Thursday)

Cherry Blossom Festival Walk

Its going to be very difficult to schedule this very far in advance but, when the world famous cherry trees come in to bloom, we will pick a day with good weather and will do a walking tour visit to the Tidal Basin. **GOOD WALKING SHOES ARE REQUIRED!** The 2011 National Cherry Blossom

Festival is March 26 through April 10. The 2011 festival marks the 99th celebration of the original gift of the 3,000 cherry trees from the city of Tokyo, Japan to the people of Washington, DC in 1912.



April 1, 2011 -

NDU Food Day

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Marshall Hall

This special activity is open to active SpICE participants **ONLY**

April 7, 2011 - Double Program

Joelle and Lena will brief us on Lebanon and will prepare Lebanese food and sweets. Joelle will also give us a belly dancing demonstration / lesson.

April 14, 2011 - Country Briefings

Pavlina will brief us on Slovakia.
Milan will brief us on Czech Rep.

April 15 - 17, 2011 - Jim Thorpe Weekend

April 21, 2011 - Country Briefing

Dishna will brief us on Sri Lanka
Siti and Aniza will brief us on Malaysia
Patty will brief us on Mexico

April 28, 2011- Country Briefing =LAST MTG

Gloria and Rina will team up to brief us on Colombia . Alexia will brief us on France.



Tour Hillwood Mansion and Gardens with National War College Spouses



Date: *Friday April 8th, 2011*
11:30 Guided Mansion Tour
12:30 Guided Garden Tour

Cost: \$15

Hillwood Museum and Gardens is the former estate of art collector and philanthropist Marjorie Merriweather Post, the heir to the Post cereal fortune. Located near Rock Creek Park in Washington, DC, the Hillwood Museum was remodeled in 2000 and now showcases "the most comprehensive collection of 18th – and 19th – century Russian imperial art outside of Russia." The 36 -room Hillwood Museum also features an impressive collection of 18th-century French decorative arts including furnishings, tapestries and porcelain. The 25 acres of gardens include a circular rose garden; a formal French parterre, a large crescent-shaped lunar lawn; a traditional Japanese-style garden and waterfall and a greenhouse for orchids.

Location: *4155 Linnean Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008*

Hillwood is located in a residential neighborhood approximately 5 miles north of the White House and one mile north of the National Zoo.

Directions: *Hillwood is a mile-long walk from the Van Ness/UDC station on Metro's Red Line.*

Express Café purchases available in visitor's center; Sandwiches, Salads, Bakery, Snacks, Beverages (cash only)







Name: _____ e-mail address _____

Number of tickets _____ @\$15 per ticket Phone number _____

Please make checks payable to NWC Spouses club and return RSVP form to NWC spouses e-mail box in Roosevelt Hall by Wed. March 30th.

Contact Debi with any questions debi_sutherland@cox.net


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Coming Events: Baseball & Fireworks April 2 Hillwood Gardens Tour April 8 Spouse Electives Graduation April 13 Jim Thorpe Sports Days April 14-16 Marine Barracks Parade May 6 Field Studies Travel May 6-22 NWC Graduation Ball June 3 at Mandarin Oriental Hotel NWC Graduation June 9		1	2		4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			1200-1315 Spouses' Course: Civil - Military Relations: The Soldier & the State	0930 SpICE: Country Briefings 1200 Arena Stage Tour 		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			1000-1200 NWC Spouses' Spring Social 1200-1315 Spouses' Course: Caucasus & Caspian Regional Overview	0930 SpICE: Country Briefings Saint Patrick's Day 	1200 Bureau of Engraving Tour <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Strong Bonds Retreat</div>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Strong Bonds Retreat (Cont.) 		1000 Naval Observatory Tour 5-7pm Empire Series Lecture http://www.nationalwarcollege.org/EMPIRES/index.ht	1200-1315 Spouses' Course: How Terrorism Ends	0930 SpICE: A Visit from Windows Catering	1000 Naval Observatory Tour	National Cherry Blossom Festival Begins 
27	28	29	30	31	1	April 2
			1200-1315 Spouses' Course: Lessons in Leadership	0930 SpICE: Country Briefings		Baseball, Blossoms & Fireworks 
National Cherry Blossom Festival March 26- April 10						