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MEMORANDUM FOR Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation,  
ATTN: AMIM-BEW-A, Fort Benning, GA 31905

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources  
Exchange Meeting

1. The April Community Activities and Resources Exchange meeting minutes are approved/disapproved.
2. POC: Ms. Gretchen Champion, DFMWR, ACS, Program Support Assistant, 706-626-0824.

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COL, IN  
Garrison Commander

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MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, Fort Benning, GA 31905

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1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 0930 on 6 April 2021 via Facebook Live and limited seating from the ACS Auditorium, Building 7.

2. Panel Members Present:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Mr. Alvin D. Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
LTC Yolanda Edwards	Provost Marshal, DES
LTC Steven Oliver	Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH
Ms. Tamala McCoy	Main Exchange Store Manager, AAFES
Ms. Denise Bleiler	Community Director, Villages of Benning
Ms. Stacy White	Store Manager, DeCA
Mr. Erik Anderson	Public Affairs Specialist, PAO
LTC Michael Patterson	Garrison Chaplain

3. The CARE panel and briefers provide valuable information for senior spouses/leaders to share with their units. Today's topic: Awareness Month.

4. Community Forum:

a. Autism Awareness Month - Ms. Trisha Kearns briefed Autism Awareness Month. As of 2019, Autism affects 1 in 54 children and the diagnosis occurs around age 3. Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) is an Autism specific intervention service, which helps teach children social interactions. Every Thursday, Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) will highlight interviews of ABA firms in the community and post to the EFMP Facebook. Autismspeaks.org is a great resource for Families and a virtual run/walk is scheduled for 1-30 April. For more information, call 706-545-5521 or visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-services5>.

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b. Month of the Military Child – Mr. Ethan Branch, School Liaison Officer, briefed “Month of the Military Child”. The theme is “Military Children & Youth: A Resilient Force in a Changing World.” A “Young Lives, Big Stories Contest” is open to children and youth ages 3 through grade 12. Events include a “Virtual Military Teen Summit” 22-24 April. “Purple Up! Week” is 18-24 April, which honors the sacrifices military children make. Child and Youth Services needs volunteer coaches to help with youth sports. If interested contact Ms. Dorrie Wagner at 706-545-1853. Instructional programs will begin next month and for more information contact 706-545-0522. For more information, visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/categories/cys-services> or <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/school-support-services>.

c. Pastoral Institute - Mr. Thomas Waynick stated the Pastoral Institute is able to meet the counseling needs of Families and individuals. The Institute has 25 counselors that provide about 20,000 hours of counseling every year and has a large child-counseling center. Additional services include testing for autism, ADHD, and ADD. Tricare is accepted. They are collaborating with Mercer Medical School towards doing referrals for psychiatric services. For more information, call 706-649-6500 or visit [www.pastoralinstitute.org](http://www.pastoralinstitute.org).

d. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) - Ms. Marta Wiecha-Swierczek briefed the upcoming events for SAAPM. This month is a great time to schedule trainings for Family. “Building Cohesive Teams through Character, Trust & Resilience. Protecting Our People Protect Our Mission.” is this year’s Army Theme. For a list of events in April, refer to the CARE slides. For more information or to schedule SHARP trainings, call 706-545-6649 or your brigade SHARP representative.

e. Soldier and Family Readiness Group (SFRG) - Ms. Leslie Smith-Peters stated that there is a Spouse Leadership Seminar 11-13 May and is open to all spouses. Registration is 19-30 April. There will be monthly SFRG training offered and registration is required. For more information, see CARE slides or call 706-545-2989.

## 5. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) – LTC Yolanda Edwards briefed traffic enforcement data from the housing areas. DES collected traffic surveys in Patton Village to find ways to decrease speeding in that area. There were 86 citations and 95 verbal warnings issued in March. There is a survey coming to the Garrison Facebook page to see how to utilize the ACP5 Sand Hill gate better. The current hours for the ACP5 gate are Monday through Friday 0500-1700. ACP3 gate will go through construction in June with minimal impact to the Fort Benning community. For more information, visit <https://benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>.

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b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) - LTC Steven Oliver provided an update on COVID-19 on Fort Benning. MACH has administered over 25,000 COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccines are currently open to beneficiaries 50 and older and high-risk beneficiaries 16 and older. Drive-thru vaccinations are conducted at the old hospital. Due to forecasted weather conditions on 8-9 April, vaccination site will relocate to the visitor-parking garage on the ground level. Wear clothing that exposes the upper arm. MACH continues to keep census limited in the hospital and offering Rapid Drop-off for prescriptions, which patients can schedule on Tricare Online or drop-off off at the pharmacy desk. Visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

c. Villages of Benning – Ms. Denise Bleiler stated Villages of Benning offers a resident referral incentive. There is a bulk trash schedule and mow schedule posted to the Villages of Benning website. Mowing will begin this week and residents who want to mow their own lawn need to contact their community management office. There is a Michaels Educational Scholarship available with a deadline of 15 April. Villages of Benning asks residents to let them know if there is a need for specific children signage. There will be a “Yard of the Month Award” April - August. Newcomers Briefing is scheduled for 22 April 1600-1700. Villages of Benning will hold “Operation Clean Sweep” in conjunction with every Walking Town Hall for the remainder of the year. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

d. Defense Commissary Activity (DeCA) – Ms. Stacy White briefed fueling for performance being a concern for the military community and that the Commissary now offers a dietician approved fueling station. The Annual Coloring Contest is taking place and the rules and coloring pages are located at [www.commissary.com/color](http://www.commissary.com/color). The Semi Annual Case Lot Sale is 13-15 May. The Commissary has a new produce manager. If there are any problems, notify Commissary management. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com/>.

e. Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) - Ms. Tamala McCoy briefed the employment challenges and the effects to the reopening and hours of food facilities. The Exchange main complex hours are Monday through Saturday 0900-1900 and Sunday 1000-1800. The food court hours are Monday through Saturday 1000-1900 and Sunday 1000-1800. AAFES is recognizing the military child throughout the month by giving out free patches and other items. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/> or call 706-682-0562.

f. Garrison Chaplain – Chaplain (LTC) Michael Patterson briefed Holy Week; there were 28 religious services conducted. Registration for services will continue through the Facebook page of your chosen service. Jewish services are the last Friday of the month at the Main Post Chapel at 1800. Observance of Ramadan is 12 April through 12 May. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/benningchaplain> or <http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/chaplains>.

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g. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) – Mr. Alvin Gelineau briefed that the new Java Café is targeted to open 3 June. MWR is looking to hire baristas and you can look for that on USAJOBS.gov. The McIver Suites are set to open on 18 May and MWR will hold an Open House. The “Independence Celebration” is scheduled for 26 June. Roz’s Café and Catering opened 1 March. GA Pre-K Lottery is accepting entries 1-30 April. To submit an entry, visit Parent Central or Fort Benning MWR webpage. MWR needs coaches for youth sports. The AER Campaign is running through 15 May. For more information, visit <http://www.benning.armymwr.com/>.

h. Garrison Commander - COL Matthew Scalia briefed the reopening plan for Fort Benning. MWR is looking at getting team sports back. Pools are reopening and they will offer swim lessons. For the most up-to-date information about Fort Benning organizations and service, download the Digital Garrison App. There is a Walking Town Hall scheduled for 21 April. PAO is working on ways to provide quicker access to CARE presentations.

6. Due Outs:

a. MACH: Provide COVID-19 Fact Sheet and update CARE slides.

b. Villages of Benning:

(1) Newcomer’s Brief Information and Scheduling

(2) Gutter Cleaning Plan

c. Commissary:

(1) Information of using reusable bags at the Commissary.

(2) Relocating recycling containers from the exit to the store entry.

d. DFMWR:

(1) McIver Suites Reservations: Reservations for arrivals after 6 June will begin 21 May.

(2) Paint & Sip Online Reservations: Beginning 7 April, customers with a Webtrac household account can make reservations over the phone at 706-545-7978 or on-line through Webtrac. Customers without a household account can make reservations in person at Outdoor Recreation.

7. For more information, see CARE slides on the MWR Website at <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/care-community-activities-resource-exchange>.

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8. Meeting adjourned at 1100. The next CARE meeting is 4 May at 0930.

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