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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 (CARE) meeting minutes are approved/disapproved.
2. POC: Mr. Leonard Andrews, DFMWR, ACS, Program Support Assistant, 706-626-0824.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brandon C. Cockrell", is positioned above the printed name.

BRANDON C. COCKRELL
Deputy to the 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) panel convened at 0930 on 5 April 2022 via Facebook Live from the Army Community Service (ACS) Auditorium, Building 7.

2. Panel Members Present:

CSM Brett Johnson
Ms. Patricia Lamson-Poeschel
Mr. Kevin Clarke
LTC Melinda Wallace
Ms. Sandra Bryant
Ms. Heather Bearden
Ms. Stacy White
Chaplain (LTC) Michael Patterson
Ms. Sarah Bostic

Garrison Command Sergeant Major
Deputy Director of Family and MWR
Director of Emergency Services
Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH
Sales and Merchandise Manager, AAFES
Assistant Director, Villages of Benning
Store Manager, DeCA
Garrison Chaplain
Executive Assistant, USO Southeast

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. Month of Military Child – Ms. Daphne Montgomery briefed April is Month of the Military Child with this year's theme "You're Everything." Military Families and their children's well-being and education are top priorities. Child & Youth Service (CYS) Parent Central, located at Building 104, 6880 Marchant Street, has many resources. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 0800-1730 and Wednesday 0800-1800. Parent Central provides care for children 6 weeks of age until senior year in high school. Month of the Military Child events include the Kick-Off held 1 April, 2- 8 April is Week of the Young Child, 15 April is Purple Up Day!, 21-22 April is Virtual Military Teen Summit, and 29 April is the Middle School & Teen (MS&T) block party in Building 1056. The Young Lives, Big Stories event is 1-30 April, where children are able to share the

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experiences of their military lives. To find events planned at each of the seven CYS facilities, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>, keyword: MOMC.

b. Autism Awareness Month – Ms. Trisha Kearns briefed April is Autism Awareness Month with this year's theme "Light It Up Blue." In support of Autism Awareness Month, the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) encourages Families to show their support by wearing the color "blue." An estimated 1 in 54 children is diagnosed with autism in which signs and symptoms vary on a spectrum. The typical behavior concern is sensory behavior processing and social interaction with other children. Some community resources available around the Fort Benning area specifically for autism are the Autism Awareness Resources online helper, which provides an overview of autism and resources. The Autism Hope Center, located in Columbus, Georgia, offers network assistance to Families for additional autism resources for Families. Other resources are Autism Speaks, a nationwide support agency, EFMP, and an excellent autism support group on Facebook to assist with questions and support. Currently, 18 Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) providers service the local community. Autism Awareness Month events include Autism Awareness Day 2 April, a sensory Movie "Sonic the Hedgehog 2" at the post theater for EFMP Families 8 April at 1000, with free admission. On 22 April is the Annual EFMP Field Day with amazing participants from the Tri-City area and DoDEA schools, at York Field, 0900-1300. Upcoming community events are Stomp the Runway for Autism in Atlanta 9 April, See the World a Different Way (Virtual 5K) 2-30 April, and the Autism Resource Fair at Cascade Hills Church 23 April, 1000-1300. For questions about available resources or additional information about EFMP or autism, contact ACS EFMP at 706-545-5521. Contact MEDDAC EFMP at 762-408-2423, located on the first floor, Upatoi Clinic in MACH, for EFMP enrollment of dependents diagnosed with autism and enrollment process into TRICARE ECHO. For more information, visit <http://facebook.com/groups/FortBenningEFMP>.

c. Child Abuse Prevention Month – Ms. Karoushia Jordan briefed the Fort Benning Family Advocacy Program's campaign drive is to promote awareness of Child Abuse Prevention in the Fort Benning community for April. The origins of Child Abuse Prevention Month began in 1983 by founders Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson. In 1989, the Blue Ribbon Campaign started with a Virginia grandmother tying a blue ribbon on her car's antenna in tribute to her grandson's death by abuse. Child Abuse Prevention events include the Proclamation signing 30 March to kick off the April Awareness Month, with the intent of proactively combating the stressors of parents through training and social events for Families. The Pinwheel for Prevention Campaign is another nationally recognized event for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child Abuse Prevention Month is not only about the prevention of child abuse but also about understanding the resources available to navigate child rearing. For more information, visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-services>.

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d. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month – SFC Brian Floyd briefed Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month conducted the Teal Ribbon Kick-Off Event 1 April in Building 4, Maneuver Center of Excellence headquarters. Several Fort Benning organizations will host events throughout the month, including 4- 8 April Umbrella painting hosted by MACH, with a karaoke kick off 8 April, 194th Armored Brigade host events on Harmony Church and Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) host SHARP displays in its unit area. The 199th Infantry Brigade hosts an awareness softball tournament from 1 – 30 April, with winners competing against the command. On 15 April, 316th Regiment will host a SHARP display at the PX 1130-1300. On 22 April, the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB) will host a Color Run on Kelley Hill for all Families. On 29 April, the 75th Ranger Regiment will host CG Golf Scramble 0800-1300. Ms. Marta Wiecha-Swierczek will host virtual Garrison events for the entire month of April. For more information, contact 706-545-2305.

e. Big Brother and Big Sister of Chattahoochee Valley – Ms. Alexis Cardona briefed The organization is nationally recognized and non-profit that enrolls children between ages 6-16 for pairing with mentors to assist with navigating the challenges of childhood to help them reach their potential. Potential mentors undergo an extensive layered background check before pairing with a young person. Background checks include an FBI fingerprint check, state and local courts, and a motor vehicle check. The program offers training in the areas of Sexual Assault and Prevention, Child Abuse Prevention, and Sex Trafficking. Parents need to submit an application, conduct an interview, and arrange for a home assessment to enroll a child. The program accepts any child for enrollment. They offer agency-sponsored events for Families enrolled. The Family Center provides additional services Family for Schools Program, Family Counseling of Columbus, and Relay Point, which supports our military and veterans. It is a military-friendly organization. For more information, visit <https://thefamilyctr.org/>.

5. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) – Mr. Kevin Clarke briefed that ATM crime is continually increasing across the nation, with 1 in 1 million people criminalized at ATMs. There have been numerous ATM crimes in downtown Columbus, Georgia. Two categories of crimes that are occurring are ATM Skimming and ATM robbery. ATM Skimming uses a device that secretly records bank account data when a customer inserts an ATM card into the machine. ATM Robbery occurs when the criminal forces victim to remove money from their account or demand the cash after withdrawal. To protect yourself from these two incidents, use ATMs in well-observed locations, ATMs in well-lit areas, and avoid traveling alone to ATMs at night. For more information, visit <https://benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>.

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b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) – LTC Melinda Wallace briefed MACH will reduce appointments to 50 percent 13 June-22 July throughout the facility to have adequate time to upload patients' entire medical history in the new MHS GENESIS. Appointment capacity will rise to 75 percent 25 July-9 September and return to full capacity 12 September. MACH will send postcards to all beneficiaries to inform them of the upcoming changes. Schedule routine care appointments and order refills before 11 June to avoid long wait times. The pharmacy provides available medication refills for up to 90 days. If experiencing any issues with scheduling advance appointments, contact Melinda.a.wallace.mil@mil.mil for immediate resolution. Recommend everyone complete any labs or radiology, request hard copies of referrals, and ensure you have a premium Tricare online account before the MHS GENESIS transition. Visit the Humana TELEMVND website for access to Behavioral Health services without a referral for dependents and veterans; not available for Active Duty service members. MACH requires a mask for admission and receipt of benefits. COVID 19 vaccines are readily available; call the central appointments line to schedule. MACH Pharmacy Access Options for prescription refills include Tricare Online that remains the best way for new prescriptions and refill. Contact the Pharmacy Call Center at 762-408-2172; this is for new prescriptions only. For after-hours access for new prescriptions pick-up only, go through the Script Center. Call the Pharmacy Service Desk for prescriptions between 0800 and 1730; 1500 and later are the busiest times. The PX Pharmacy manages prescription refills only. You may request a rapid return for prescriptions to return to pick up medication the same day or the next day. Red Cross needs volunteers. MACH is requesting the return of any used aluminum crutches. Return crutches to the Orthopedics Clinic on the ground floor of the hospital. MACH will have a limited operation on 30 May for Memorial Day Holiday. The Biden-Harris administration announced a program of hundreds of "one-stop Test to Treat" locations where, for no cost, people can test for COVID-19 (or bring a positive home test with them) and receive immediate prescriptions and distribution of oral antiviral medication. For more information, visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

c. United Services Organization (USO) – Ms. Sarah Bostic briefed the USO is a non-profit organization supporting service members from initial entry into Armed Services until exit. Support services offered range from breakfast and entertainment for unit morale events to hosting unit events for Active Duty service members. Units can submit their request for program support by email to usofortbenning@uso.org or by visiting the USO office located in ACS, Building 7. On 14 April at 1000, USO will collaborate with Villages of Benning to host April Coffee Connections for Active Duty Spouses. In tribute to the Military Child Month for April, they will visit Fort Benning schools to provide students with ice cream treats. For more information, visit <https://georgia.uso.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/usogeorgia/>.

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d. Villages of Benning – Ms. Heather Bearden briefed the Michael's Education Foundation Scholarship is in its 32nd year, awarding over \$9 million worth of scholarships in the first 30 years. Scholarships are available to all Michael's residents pursuing higher education at college, trade, or professional programs. The application deadline is 15 April, and each applicant will receive the application status by 10 June. For more information, contact the Community Management Office. The 2022 mow schedule is 4- 8 April, Monday-Thursday, with Friday slated as a flexible inclement weather make-up day. Earn \$300 through our Resident Referral Program. April begins the Yard of the Month contest, so swing by the Welcome Center 22 April 1100-1400 for the Spring Spruce Up to pick up flowers and grass seeds. Email Ms. Christina Shivery at cshively@tmo.com to register. On 23 April is a village-wide yard sale 0800-1600. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>

e. Commissary – Ms. Stacy White briefed that the Commissary Easter specials will have half-priced sodas, groceries on sale, and specials on prime roast, prime rib, and lamb. Door busters on asparagus and pineapples in the produce department. Commissary is open Easter 1000-1900, with no Early bird access. Spring Sidewalk Sale is 12-14 May 1000-1700, located in the warehouse, with specials on pet food, household items, and a farmers market displayed by the meat and produce department. Contact the Commissary for any special requests or inquiries at 706-544-3966. The Commissary is hosting a Child Passport contest for the Month of the Military Child, where children can upload a photo of elements that make our world a better place, with a chance to win a \$25 Commissary gift card. Join the rewards card program for additional savings. The Commissary is a proud supporter of priority placement Spouse employment for relocating military families. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com>.

f. AAFES - Ms. Sandra Bryant said starting 19 April, the Fort Benning Main Exchange and Mini Mall will offer limited self-check registers. Renovations begin around 11 April. The Main Store, Burger King and Arby's, have reopened from Sunday-Tuesday 1030-1700, Wednesday-Saturday 1030-1900. Free Brat patches are available at the front entrance of the Main Store exchange in observance of the Month of the Military Child. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/>.

g. Garrison Chaplain – Chaplain (LTC) Michael Patterson briefed observance of Lent and Holy Week services for Catholics and Protestants are located on the Fort Benning Garrison Chaplain website. Easter Sunrise Service will be on the "Field of Four Chaplains" next to the Infantry Chapel 0700-0800, with light breakfast following in the Infantry Chapel Fellowship Hall. Seating is first-come. Ramadan is sundown on 7 April to 1 May. Crossroads, a contemporary Protestant service, is on 17 April at 1100 at the National Infantry Museum, Inouye Field. For more information, visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/Chaplains/>.

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h. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) – Ms. Patricia Lamson-Poeschel briefed the Annual Spring Eggstravaganza starts at 0800 on 16 April with a 5K color fun run or walk at Doughboy Stadium, followed by the Eggstravaganza on Riverside lawn beginning at 1100, with MCoE Band performing 1100-1500. The Tri-Community Field Day is on 22 April 0900-1300, with over 1,500 exceptional athletes from around the Tri-Communities. This event offers games and adaptive events for their abilities and provides an opportunity to play and have fun. Volunteer opportunities are available and greatly needed. Those wishing to volunteer for this event, contact Ms. Dorrie Wagner at 706-545-0522. The 80th Anniversary of the Army Emergency Relief Campaign runs 1 March-15 May. This event represents Soldiers helping Soldiers and their Families through generous donations. For more information or donations, contact 706-545-0392. On 3–6 May 0845-1500, Fort Benning ACS will host the Spouse Leadership Seminar that provides military spouses with a fundamental overview of military life and leadership development skills. Contact Ms. Corinne Harang at corinne.s.harang.civ@army.mil or Ms. Leslie Peters at leslie.s.peters.civ@army.mil to register. For more information on upcoming events, visit <https://www.benning.armymwr.com>.

i. Garrison Command Sergeant Major – CSM Brett Johnson closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

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

7. Meeting adjourned at 1042. The next CARE meeting is 3 May at 0930.

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