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ATTENTION OF

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US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
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FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-5000

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9 February 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, Fort Benning, GA 31905

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Benning Garrison Community Leaders Information Forum

1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Leaders Information Forum (CLIF) panel convened at 1030 on 7 February 2023 via Facebook Live from the Army Community Service (ACS) Auditorium, Building 7.

2. Panel Members Present:

COL Colin Mahle
CSM Michael Sanchez
Ms. Shannon Beck
Mr. Joseph M. LaBranche
LTC Melinda Wallace
Mr. Stephen Paquette

Mr. Sam Shinault
Ms. Lisa Manibusan
Ms. Stacy White
Ms. Sarah Bostic

Garrison Commander
Garrison Command Sergeant Major
Chief, Marketing/Sponsorship, DFMWR
Operations Officer, DES
Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH
Director of Religious Education, Religious
Support Office
General Manager, AAFES
Marketing Manager, The Villages of Benning
Store Manager, DeCA
Executive Assistant, USO Southeast

3. The CLIF panel and briefers provided valuable information for senior spouses/leaders to share with their units. Today's topic: Spring Break Fun.

4. Colonel Mahle opened with the proclamation signing honoring the Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 27 on its 100th anniversary, highlighting Fort Benning partnership, their contributions, and leadership development in thousands of children of military Families.

5. Community Calendar Update. Ms. Sheri Peters highlighted upcoming events from the Community Calendar.

- a. **9 Feb 23:** Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Family Movie Night – ACS Auditorium (1700-1900)
- b. **10 Feb 23:** Sweetheart Dance – Building 1055 (1900-2200)

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- c. **12 Feb 23:** Madden Tournament – Infantry Bar (1200)
- d. **14 Feb 23:** "Teen Talk" about Cyber Safety - Middle School & Teen Center Building 1055 (1400-1500)
- e. **15 Feb 23:** Barracks Walking Town Hall – (1600-1730) (198th Infantry Brigade Commands only)
- f. **15 Feb 23:** CPR/AED Class – Breezeway Complex (0900-1500)
- g. **16 Feb 23:** New Parent Support Play Group – Building 2652 (0930-1100)
- h. **17 Feb 23:** Presidents Day Training Holiday
- i. **17 Feb 23:** MWR Organization Day (All MWR/ACS Facilities Closed)
- j. **17 Feb 23:** Daddy/Daughter Dance – Freedom Hall (1800-2000)
- k. **20 Feb 23:** Presidents Day Federal Holiday
- l. **22 Feb 23:** Black History Month Observance – McGinnis-Wickam Hall, Building 4, Marshall Auditorium (0800-1700)
- m. **23 Feb 23:** A Better Benning Forum – Benning Club (0830-1630)
- n. **24 Feb 23:** CG's Golf Scramble – Fort Benning Golf Course (1200-1600)
- o. **25 Feb 23:** "Strike Out Teen Dating Violence" Bowling – Mall Bowling Center (1200-1400)
- p. **1-02 Mar 23:** Spouse Leadership Seminar – McGinnis-Wickam Hall, Building 4, Room E101 (0845-1500)
- q. **1 Mar 23:** Family Fishing Night – Russ Pond (1700-1800)
- r. **3 Mar 23:** Army Emergency Relief Campaign Kick-Off Rally – ACS Auditorium (1000-1035)
- s. **7 Mar 23:** CLIF – ACS Auditorium (1030-1200)
- t. **9 Mar 23:** EFMP Special Connections – Literacy America, Dr. Seuss (Virtual)
- u. **11 Mar 23:** Youth Sports Leprechaun Run (0830) Blue Field
- v. **15 Mar 23:** Walking Town Hall – (TBD) (1600-1730)
- w. **18 Mar 23:** Kings Pond Campout – Kings Pond (1300)
- x. **19-26 Mar 23:** Bataan Death March (Virtual)
- y. **20-24 Mar 23:** Russell County and Phenix City Spring Break
- z. **27-31 Mar 23:** Lee County Spring Break

For more information visit <https://mec.high.powerappsportals.us/community-calendar/> and MWR Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BenningFMWRfans/> to find upcoming community events and graduations.

If you would like to provide your feedback about the CLIF, (e.g., program improvements, program topic, and program speaker suggestions) please visit https://benning.armymwr.com/application/files/5616/6687/4156/FORT_BENNING_CLIF_FEEDBACK_FORM_26_OCT_2022.pdf to access our new Feedback form for your submission. Email your input to Leonard Andrews at leonard.l.andrews2.civ@army.mil.

6. Community Forum:

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a. Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) – A Better-Benning Forum – Ms. Sheri Peters provided an overview of the One-Day AFAP Forum scheduled for 23 February at the Benning Club 0830-1430. The event begins at 0900. It is an annual event designed to identify, prioritize, and elevate issues affecting quality of life at Fort Benning. Delegates are composed of active-duty military, including junior enlisted, NCOs and officers, veterans, retirees, military spouses, and DoD Civilians, that gather to discuss issues and come up with solutions. Fort Benning needs delegates for the Forum. To sign up to become a delegate, e-mail Leslie Peters at leslie.s.peters.civ@army.mil. Help become part of the solution! To submit issues/concerns, visit <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSctZ3jWoRE9Fj.../viewform> and complete your form by 15 February.

b. Child and Youth Services (CYS) Parent Central - Ms. Daphne Montgomery briefed that Fort Benning CYS will host Spring Break Week 3-7 April. The School Age Spring Break Camp, kindergarten through 5th grade, will offer activities and field trips during spring break week. The Middle School & Teens Camp, 6th through 12th grade, will consist of daily themed activities, including open recreation activities 1300 - 1830 and a trip to Stars-n-Strikes 5 April. CYS Youth Sports will host Soccer and Basketball Camps 3-4 April, Baseball and Fitness Camps 5-6 April, and Paintball Camps 7 April. For more information, visit CYS Parent Central for registration, bring financial statements to determine camp fees, or call 706-545-2079.

c. National Infantry Museum (NIM) Kids – Ms. Alexis Van Brero Belman stated the NIM will host an adults Valentine's Coffee and Craft on 11 February beginning at 0900 and a Hearts and History Mini-Camp, for ages 5- 1, 1300 - 1800. The NIM will not conduct Spring Break Camps this year due to major repairs of the mini-camp facilities. NIM Kids Summer Camp is open for registration. Youth Volunteer Opportunities are available with both the Museum and Camp programs. Contact Ms. Belman at CampDirector@nationalinfantryfoundation.org or Mr. Chris Lewis at clewis@nationalinfantryfoundation.org for more information.

d. Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Scholarship – Ms. Lynda Morgan briefed that AUSA is a nonprofit educational and professional development association serving America's Army. The AUSA is open to all Army ranks and all components, including Regular Army, National Guard, Army Reserve, Government Civilians, retirees, Wounded Warriors, Veterans, concerned citizens, and Family members. Basic AUSA membership is free for 2 years. The AUSA offers multiple scholarship programs for continued education and high school graduates. Applicant must be a dependent of a military sponsor who is an AUSA member to be eligible for a scholarship. The scholarship application submission deadline is 10 March. The AUSA also accepts "Family of the Year" nominations, with the recognition ceremony held in April during Industry Day. For more information, contact Ms. Morgan at lyndamorgancsc@gmail.com.

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7. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) – Mr. Joseph Labranche briefed DES conducts Quarters Checks for on-post residents during any anticipated absence from their quarters. Visit the DES office to complete and submit your Quarters Check request form. Know your physical limitations and try not to overexert yourself while exploring this Spring Break. Be aware of local surroundings, know where the nearest medical facility locations are, and track weather notifications while traveling. For more information, contact DES at 706- 545-5223.

b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) – LTC Melinda Wallace briefed MACH Visitation Guidelines policy changes to reduce the level of the potential spread of COVID and other viruses. Current policy allows two visitors per inpatient and two per outpatient, with some exceptions. MACH Quick Care Clinic is in the main hospital, Upatoi area, 2nd Floor, and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 0900-1615; Thursday, 1030-1615. The Clinic will see children and submit referrals. Public Health Nursing currently has a travel medicine clinic on Mondays (4 patient slots available) and Wednesdays (2 patient slots available). The times for both days are 1300-1500. If care is required during travel, consider contacting the Nurse Advice Line at (800) 874-2273 or use an Urgent Care Clinic where you are visiting. To schedule an appointment, call the Public Health Nursing Clinic at (762) 408-1420. For more information, visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

c. United Services Organization (USO) – Ms. Sarah Bostic briefed they will host the Madden 1v1 Gaming Tournament, in conjunction with DFMWR and Monster Energy, on 12 February at the Infantry Bar. The USO will conduct morale-boosting Valentine's Day drops to Soldiers across Main Post. Volunteer opportunities are available during the Spring Break period. Ages 15 and older can volunteer with the USO. For more information, visit <https://georgia.uso.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/usogeorgia/>.

d. Villages of Benning – Ms. Lisa Manibusan briefed Villages of Benning will send out mass emails in support of “We Love Our Residents Week” 13-17 February with daily themed events and resident winners. The Father/Daughter Dance will take place 17 February, at Freedom Hall, 1800-2000. Photograph downloads are free for residents. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

e. Commissary – Ms. Stacy White announced Scholarships for Military Children applications for the 2023-2024 academic year close on 15 February 2023. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com> Remember, Commissary items will go on sale 12 February, supporting the Superbowl, and on 14 February, Valentine's Day. Commissary hours for Presidents Day, 20 February, are 0900-1700. No more Early Bird hours! The Commissary is open for regular business hours 0700-2000, Monday-Saturday, and 1000- 2000 Sunday. All Federal holiday hours are 0900-1700. Join AAFES and the

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Commissary in winning the ProCamps for the Fort Benning military youths by purchasing Proctor and Gamble (P&G) products to lift our installation to be recognized with the most significant sales from mid-March to mid-April. In celebration of the 2023 March Madness, the Commissary, partnered with Unilever, will host a basketball themed event for the whole Family 25 March, 1100-1500 in the Commissary parking lot. Egg purchases are limited to three dozen per patron. The Commissary will begin carrying fresh seafood from Hawaii starting 15 February. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com> or contact 706-544-3966.

f. AAFES - Mr. Sam Shinault announced that all Starbucks on Fort Benning now have mobile online ordering and payment. H&R Block is available in the AAFES Main Exchange atrium to take care of your tax preparation needs. Their hours of operation are 0900–1900 Monday-Friday, 0900–1700 on Saturday, and 1200–1700 on Sunday. The AAFES Main Exchange hours for 20 February Presidents Day are 1000-1600. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/>.

g. Garrison Chaplain – Mr. Stephen Paquette briefed that the Religious Support Office will be hosting various worship services and religious celebration opportunities this Spring. Ramadan begins 23 March, with Passover observed 5 April and Easter 9 April. The Infantry Center Chapel is open Wednesdays 1200-1300 throughout February to accommodate anyone desiring to worship, meditate, or reflect. For more information, visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/Chaplains/index.html> or call (706) 545-1760.

h. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation – Ms. Shannon Beck highlighted upcoming events. February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. The ACS Family Advocacy Program will host "Teen Talk" about Cyber Safety on 14 February 1400-1500 at the Middle School & Teen Program, Building 1055, and Strike Out Teen Dating Violence on 25 February 1200-1400 at the Mall Bowling Center. ACS offers Soldier and Family Readiness Group training every Thursday 1000-1130. Register with Ms. Yoselin Doyle at Yoselin.doyle.civ@army.mil. The Sweetheart Dance at the Middle School & Teen Program, Building 1055, is 10 February, 1900-2200, for ages 11-14. The Columbus River Dragons will host a Military Appreciation Night 18 February. Complimentary ticket vouchers are available at Building 85. For more information on upcoming events, visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/#>.

i. Garrison Command Sergeant Major – CSM Michael Sanchez shared updates from the School Board meeting addressing issues with school bus stops, lighting, and protection for the elements. Tree service is being addressed and has begun across the Main Post. CSM Sanchez encouraged everyone to continue building community support for the local sporting teams and the military dependents engagement in the community.

j. Garrison Commander– COL Mahle asked the Command teams for support in

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reducing the number of incidents with unregistered firearms violations on the installation. Registration of firearms/weapons on Fort Benning is a requirement. Service members residing on Fort Benning with an unregistered firearm should visit DES to complete their firearm registration. COL Mahle asked the community to provide feedback to assist with improving the CLIF. The 7 March CLIF will include a special presentation on the installation's renaming to Fort Moore after LTG Hal Moore and his wife, Julia Compton Moore. He closed the Forum by thanking everyone for attending.

8. For more information, see CLIF slides on the MWR Website at <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/clif>

9. Meeting adjourned at 1124. The next CLIF is scheduled for 7 March at 1030.

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