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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 May Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) meeting minutes are approved/~~disapproved~~.
2. POC: Mr. Leonard Andrews, DFMWR, ACS, Program Support Assistant, 706-626-0824.

  
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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 3 May 2022 via Facebook Live from the Army Community Service (ACS) Auditorium, Building 7.

2. Panel Members Present:

LTC Yolanda Edwards  
Mr. Alvin Gelineau  
Mr. Joesph Labranche

LTC Melinda Wallace  
Mr. Sam Shinault  
Ms. Heather Bearden  
Ms. Stacy White  
Ms. Sarah Bostic

Acting Garrison Commander  
Director of Family and MWR  
Operations Officer, Director of Emergency Services  
Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH  
Main Store Manager, AAFES  
Assistant Director, Villages of Benning  
Store Manager, DeCA  
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: Summer Programs and Spouse Employment.

4. Community Forum:

a. Child and Youth Services (CYS) (Parent Central) – Ms. Daphne Montgomery briefed upcoming school-aged children, kindergarten thru 5th Grade, Summer Camp from 31 May thru 5 August with weekly themes. The list of camp weekly themes and activities include Week 1: Versus Challenge with a trip to the Atlanta Zoo, week 2: Gaming tournaments with a trip to Rigby's Water Park, Week 3: Magic of Storytelling with a field trip to the Atlanta Center for Puppetry Arts, Week 4: Passport to Summer Fun with a field trip to LEGO Land, Week 5: Painters Paradise with a field trip to Georgia Aquarium, Week 6: Star and Stripes with a field trip to Dothan Water World, week 7: Yee-Haw farm week with a field trip to Wild Animal Safari, Week 8: Out of this World space projects with a field trip to Fernbank Science Museum, Week 9: SAC Got Talent week with a field trip to Urban

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Air Trampoline Park, and Week 10: Back to School Summer Extravaganza and a field trip to Great Wolf Lodge. CYS Fees are income-based, with field trips included. The Middle School and Teen Summer Camps activities weekly themes are Week 1: Welcome to Summer, Week 2: Cooking Crumble, Week 3: Fitness Camp, Week 4: MST Adventure, Week 5: Let's Paint, Week 6: MST Chopped, Week 7: Let's Circuit, Week 8: MST Sports Adventure, and ending with Week 9: Color Me Tie. There are Youth Sports activities from baseball to soccer for developmental sports ages three and four and skill-building activities for ages five and six. Dates for registration vary for each sport. CYS Parent Central, located at Building 104, 6880 Marchant Street. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 0800-1730 and Wednesday from 0800-1800. Contact CYS Youth Sports at (706) 545-0522 and Parent Central at (706) 545-2079 for more registration information.

b. Columbus State University (CSU) – Ms. Samantha Miller-Gurski briefed that CSU host ACTIV8 Summer Camps with over 150 camps conducted over ten weeks. CSU has partnered with Coca-Cola Space Science Center, Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, Schwob School of Music, and the Computer Science department to bring early academic outreach to children within Columbus and surrounding areas. Some ACTIV8 summer activities include the Great ACTIV8 baking show, Cyber Security camp, Outdoor Odyssey, Pet Palooza, and other STEM camps such as designing and playing your version of Fortnite or Pokeman. The camps operate from 0800 – 1700 with available pick-up or drop-off options. They also offer before care from 0700 – 0800 and aftercare from 1700 – 1800. CSU also provides portable professions for Military spouses and career opportunities with their ACTIV8 programs. For more information, visit [www.columbusstate.edu/CE](http://www.columbusstate.edu/CE) or call (706) 507-8070.

c. St. Luke United Methodist Church (UMC) – Ms. Nicole Mayne briefed the St. Luke UMC offers St. Luke School 1/2 Day Camps from 20 – 24 June from 0900 - 1200 for ages Pre-K thru 5th grade. The cost to attend the camp is \$125 per child and \$62.50 per child for military dependents. Vacation bible school is 18 – 22 July for ages Pre-kindergarten thru 5th grade and Pre-school camp for ages two thru four. Register for Vacation Bible school at [www.cornerkids.com](http://www.cornerkids.com) and use code 2022 hero to receive a half-off military discount. St. Luke UMC offers two Sunday Night Youth Worship programs for Middle and High School age children from 1700 – 1900 on Sunday and Summer Mondays from 1200 – 1500, excluding holidays. Go to [www.thecornerstudents.com](http://www.thecornerstudents.com) for more information on these programs. They also offer volunteer opportunities for high school-aged children to assist with their respite care program on Tuesday – Thursday and open employment opportunities in hospitality, daycare, and day camp positions.. For more information, contact Nichole Mayne at [nmayne@stlukeum.com](mailto:nmayne@stlukeum.com) or (706) 256-2788.

d. Transition Assistance Program (TAP) – Mr. Eddie Perez briefed the Transition

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Assistance Program is next to the commissary. It offers daily classes to assist Service members, Retirees, and their Family members interested in career opportunities. TAP provides monthly resume classes, adjustable to weekly classes upon request. Every Wednesday from 1000 – 1400 is a weekly connection event with employers and career skills program partners that is open to everyone. Most programs offered through TAP have a 99% satisfaction rate with the placement of Soldiers into new careers post-service. TAP conducts both in-person and virtual classes and accepts special requests for class or training for employment opportunities or training that leads to employment. For more information, visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/dhr/TAP/Job-Announcements.html>.

5. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) – Mr. Joesph Labranche briefed to be cautious of the wildlife on Fort Benning while driving on the roadway. Residents on Fort Benning can request quarters check while on leave. The forms are available at each housing management office for submission to DES or submitted through the DES website link. Ensure to list a point of contact on the submission paperwork and a list of persons who may have access to your dwelling while you are away. Families preparing for a permanent change of station to and from Fort Benning need to ensure they update their household inventory list to prevent loss of the goods and accurate reporting of losses to DES and the Transportation office. Fort Benning curfew hours for children 16 and young in the housing areas are 2100 – 0600 Sunday thru Thursday and from 2200 – 0600 on Friday and Saturday to maintain safety within the housing areas. Additionally, quiet hours in the housing areas are from 2200 – 0800 Sunday thru Thursday and from 0100 – 0800 on Friday and Saturday. To report any violations, contact the MP desk or 911. Be aware of any solicitation of startup apps on Fort Benning. If there are any questions about the validity of an app, contact law enforcement to research it and provide feedback. For more information, visit <https://benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>.

b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) – LTC Melinda Wallace briefed that due to the transition to the new MHS GENESIS system, MACH will reduce appointments to 50% from 13 June – 22 July throughout the facility. Appointment scheduling will increase to 75% from 25 July – 9 September and return to full capacity by 12 September. MACH sent postcards to all beneficiaries to inform them of the upcoming changes. Beneficiaries should schedule routine care appointments, order up to 90-day refills on prescriptions before 11 June, complete outstanding lab and radiology appointments, get hard copies of their medical referrals, and obtain your DS Login, if you have not done so, now. The Nurse Advice line is available to assist 24/7. Telemedicine is available 24/7 with Doctors on-demand for beneficiaries but not available to Active-duty Service Members. Visit the Humana TELEMEND website for access to Behavioral Health services without a referral for dependents and veterans; not available for Active Duty service members. MACH still

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requires a mask for admission and receipt of benefits. COVID 19 vaccines are readily available; call the central appointments line to schedule. School and Sports physicals are offered on 9 and 23 July and 13 August from 0800 – 1300 by appointment only. Call the appointment line at (762) 408-2273 to schedule a physical appointment; no walk-ins are accepted. Bring any additional required paperwork for special diet forms, epi-pen or albuterol school use forms, or allergy forms to the appointment. School and Sports Physical appointments cannot complete Medical EFMP forms, ABA therapy paperwork, or FMLA forms. Red Cross is accepting 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 minimal manning on 27 May for Memorial Day Holiday and closed on 30 May. Additionally, MACH will close on 20 June and 4 July, with minimal manning on 5 July. For more information, visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

c. United Services Organization (USO) – Ms. Sarah Bostic briefed that USO will recognize Military Appreciation Month by visiting various organizations every Monday and providing to-go breakfast to Active duty service members. The Military Appreciation recognition on Monday, 9 May, will take place at building 109 on main post, their future USO location. Upcoming program events are Soldier's Night Out on 13 May, Volunteer Orientation on 17 May from 1730 – 1900, and Coffee Connections on 19 May. USO accepts unit program support requests. Requests for support are emailed to [usofortbenning@uso.org](mailto:usofortbenning@uso.org) or by visiting the USO office in ACS, Building 7. USO also host MVP live sessions through their headquarters located in Arlington, Virginia, for units wishing to go live with a question and answer session with selected talent. For more information, visit <https://georgia.uso.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/usogeorgia/>.

d. Villages of Benning – Ms. Christina Shively briefed that new residents are encouraged to sign up for the Activebuilding resident portal to stay updated with the Villages of Benning information. Residents can submit routine and standard work orders through Activebuilding. Call the 24-hour hotline at (706) 685-3929 for any emergency or urgent work orders. Upcoming events for May are the Mother's Day give-aways with virtual contests and activities on social media, and Paint Party partnered with Painting with a Twist on 13 May from 1800 – 2000. Pools will open on 28 – 30 May and close on 31 May for regular maintenance. Normal pool hours are Tuesday – Friday from 1000 – 2000, Saturday and Sunday from 1100 – 1800. All pools are closed on Monday for maintenance. Information on RSVPing for the Mother and Daughter Tea party will soon be sent to all residents' by emails. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>

e. Commissary – Ms. Stacy White briefed that the Commissary has updated their Commissary rewards cards. You can pick up a Rewards Card at the Commissary and then go to <https://shop.commissaries.com/> to register your Rewards Card to get coupons for additional savings on your purchases. Spring Sidewalk Sale is 12-14 May 1000-1700, located in the warehouse, with specials on pet food, household items, and a farmers

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market displayed by the meat and produce department. Fort Benning Commissary has partnered with the Unilever brand for the 2022 NASCAR Military Program to show the new military-themed simulator/race car on 9 May at 1000, for the Fort Benning community to take photos and participate in the opportunity to win tailgate giveaways. The Commissary has Summer savings on produce holiday doorbusters, \$2.00 off bags of pistachios, frozen 10 lb hamburger patties, power boxes, and 12 pack soda holiday sales. The Commissary is a proud supporter of the Military and provides employment opportunities for Veterans, Disabled Veterans, Military Spouses, and dependants. For more information on employment opportunities, contact (705) 544-3305. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com> or contact (706) 544-3966.

f. AAFES - Mr. Sam Shinault briefed that the Fort Benning Main Exchange and Mini-Malls continue renovation of their self-check registers. The outdoor living grand opening is on 7 May from 1100 – 1330. A new clothing line will open up in May. AAFES is a prominent supporter of Military Spouse employment and honor spousal preference hiring. Construction is ongoing through 20 August for the installation of new fire detectors around the Exchange Mall area. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/>.

g. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) – Mr. Alvin Gelineau briefed that the CARE Meeting minutes will contain all the information provided for today's meeting and found on the MWR CARE website <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/care-community-activities-resource-exchange>. The Independence Day Celebration will take place on 25 June on York Field from 1730 – 2300 with food, beverages, and a kid zone for children. The entertainment starts at 1830 with Runaway June, Ceelo Green at 2000, and Andy Grammer at 2130. The MCoE Band will close the celebration with a patriotic concert choreographed with the Independence Day fireworks. The Java Café is now fully staffed and will open its doors for full service on 9 May from 0700 – 1500. Come in and enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee. For information on MWR pool operating hours, go to the MWR website at <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/swimming>, or for information on the Aquatics Program at Fort Benning call (706) 545-1400. MWR and Red Cross are partnering to provide swimming lessons for pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade. The DFMWR family would like to thank Mrs. Theresa Donahoe for her outstanding support, leadership, and guidance to our CARE Meeting program and the Spouses and families of Fort Benning. For more information on upcoming events, visit <https://www.benning.armymwr.com>.

h. Garrison Commander– LTC Yolanda Edwards closed the meeting by also thanking Mrs. Donahoe for her efforts provided to our Fort Benning Community, and thank our speakers and a panel member for their support of the 2021-22 CARE Meeting series.



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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 1040. The next CARE meeting is tentatively scheduled for 3 September at 0930.

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CF: Panel members