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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF  
AMIM-BEW-A (608)

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 February Community Activities and Resources Exchange meeting minutes are  
approved/disapproved.

2. POC: Mr. Leonard Andrews, Program Support Assistant, ACS, DFMWR, 706-626-0824.

  
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COL, AR  
Garrison Commander

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Each Member



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1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) panel convened at 0930 on 1 February 2022 via Facebook Live from the Army Community Service (ACS) Auditorium, Building 7.

2. Panel Members Present:

COL Alexis Rivera Espada  
Mr. Alvin Gelineau  
1LT Gregory Senft  
LTC Melinda Wallace  
Ms. Kathy Lieb  
Ms. Denise Bleiler  
Ms. Stacy White  
LTC (CH) Michael Patterson

Garrison Commander  
Director of Family and MWR  
Executive Officer, DES  
Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH  
Main Store Associate, AAFES  
Community Director, Villages of Benning  
Store Manager, DeCA  
Garrison Chaplain

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

4. Community Forum:

a. A Better Benning 2022 Forum – Ms. Rosalie Grant-Nolt briefed the “A Better Benning Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Forum”, scheduled for 24 February 0830-1630. This Forum provides the Fort Benning community an opportunity to identify, prioritize, and elevate issues affecting their quality of life to local leaders. Significant issues requiring a higher-level purview are elevated for resolution. The Montgomery GI Bill Benefits to Dependents is an example of a program change made because of issues submitted to the AFAP Forum. Fort Benning needs delegates for the Forum. If you wish to become one, contact Gretchen Champion at [Gretchen.b.champion.civ@army.mil](mailto:Gretchen.b.champion.civ@army.mil). We are also encouraging the community to submit issues. To submit issues, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1G7wIJCrJKtRfhfuhScn07MrGHKLZAydP7VCcRvBxjv8/e.dit>.

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b. School Age Services (SAS) – Mr. Cody Hughley stated SAS provides before and after school care for ages 5-11. Operational hours are 0530-0730 for before school care and 1530 to 1830 for after school care. SAS provides care for school-out days, summer, spring break, fall, and winter camps. Registration begins 21 February for the 4-8 April spring break camp. To register, contact Parent Central or visit [www.MilitaryChildCare.com](http://www.MilitaryChildCare.com). There is automatic enrollment in spring break camp for currently enrolled SAS children. This year's Camp themes consist of Let's Go Green, Junior Chef, Early Engineers, Super Science, and Fun and Fitness. For more information, contact School Age Center at 706-545-3605.

c. CYS Youth Sports – Ms. Dorrie Wagner briefed that Youth Sports will host 2-day soccer and football camps and a 1-day paint ball camp spring break. They will conduct a babysitting class 6 April for ages 12 and above. Zumbini classes start in March for ages 2-5. Tumbling classes will be taught during spring break, but no dance classes. Our sports program needs coaches. For more information on volunteering, contact Parent Central at 706-545-2079 or Youth Sports at 706-545-0522.

d. National Infantry Museum (NIM) – Ms. Alexis van Brero Belman briefed that the NIM conducts a Hearts and History Mini-Camp 1400-1600 on 12 February, \$10 per camper. The NIM asks that parents registering online ensure they place their child's name on the wait-list for cancellations. Memorial Day Mini Camp is 31 May 0900-1300. NIM summer camps start 6 June. If you have teenagers interested in the Summer Camp staff positions, contact Ms. Belman at 706-685-2614. They host a staff week 30 May-3 June. Open docent and volunteer positions are available for adults. Spring Break Camp for 4 April is pending due to staffing for it. For more information, call 706-685-5800.

## 5. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) – First Lieutenant Gregory Senft conducted 419 total traffic stops in December and only 289 traffic stops in January, a reduction of 130 between months. This reduction shows an increase in driver awareness and safety. Of the 289 traffic stops, only 96 resulted in citations, with 226 resulting in verbal warnings and 63 Magistrate tickets. For more information, visit <https://benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>.

b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) – LTC Melinda Wallace briefed vaccination is the number one defense against COVID. MACH has Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines and flu vaccines available. No children ages 12-17 will receive the Moderna vaccine, and MACH has no Pfizer vaccine available for this age group. They may obtain Pfizer vaccine through TRICARE authorized network providers or local pharmacies. The Primary COVID and Cough Clinic (PC3) at Sand Hill implemented tiered criteria for testing due to its limited capabilities and staffing. Categories for testing are symptomatic

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individuals who are pregnant, and individuals over age 50 with a high-risk medical condition. Individuals may seek testing through any TRICARE authorized network facility. The PC3 Clinic staff asks that visitors exercise patience when attending their facility. For more information, visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

c. Villages of Benning – Ms. Denise Bleiler briefed that the annual CEL Survey is still in progress and ends 24 February. The survey serves as a tool to analyze services provided to military Families. “We Love our Residents Week” is 7-11 February conducted on Facebook, in-person, and email. Ice to Meet You event is 18 February in the Custer Event room 1600-1800. Meet the Frozen cast. The office closes 21 February in honor of President’s Day. The 2022 mow schedule begins 4 April, with flex inclement weather make-day scheduled for 8 April. They highly encourage residents to purchase renters insurance for their possessions. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

d. Commissary – Ms. Stacy White briefed that the COVID-19 impacts are affecting manufacturers by forcing them to reduce production due to shortages of raw materials. As a result, the Commissary is running out of certain products it typically stocks. They conduct just-in-time ordering of products, which helps to improve efficiency and reduce waste of products. In this system, placed orders occur when the product is low. It does not stockpile a particular product like other vendors. They continue to procure different product brands to meet consumer demand. Celebrate the Super Bowl with deals on steaks, ground beef, spare ribs, and discounts on produce and groceries. The deadline to submit applications for the Scholarships for Military Children Program is 17 February. Commissary hours for Presidents Day, 21 February, are 0900-1700, with no early bird hours. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com>.

e. Garrison Chaplain – LTC (CH) Michael Patterson briefed observance of Ash Wednesday is 2 March. There are two Catholic services at the Main Post Chapel 1200-1700 and Protestant services at the Infantry Chapel at 1130. A new Protestant service will begin at the Main Post Chapel each Sunday 1300-1400. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/>.

f. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) – Mr. Alvin Gelineau reiterated the importance of the 24 February “A Better Benning Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Forum.” He expressed the need for delegates and submission of issues. The Garrison Commander tracks all submitted issues and reports on the resolution progress to the community. One resolved issue addressed in last year’s Forum was the need for 24-hour gym access on Fort Benning, which resulted in Smith Gym conversion to an all-access 24-hour gym 1 January 2022. Spouse Leadership Seminar, geared for junior spouses to build networks, is 1-4 March. To register, call ACS at 706-545-4374 before the 18 February registration deadline. The 80th Anniversary of the Army Emergency Relief Campaign kicks off 4 March, broadcasted on Facebook Live. This event represents

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Soldiers helping Soldiers and their Families through generous donations. February is National Teen Dating Violence Month with designated class offered by the ACS Family Advocacy Program. For more information of upcoming events, visit <https://www.benning.armymwr.com>.

g. The Community Spouses Club briefed that they are offering scholarships and grant programs to spouses and dependent children. Submit scholarship and grant applications at [www.fortbenningcsc.org/scholarship](http://www.fortbenningcsc.org/scholarship) by the deadline date of 15 March. Thrift Store hours are 1000-1400 Tuesday, Thursday, and first Saturday of the month; 1000-1600 on Wednesday.

h. Garrison Commander COL Rivera thanked everyone for attending today.

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 1015. The next CARE meeting is 1 March at 0930.

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CF: Panel members