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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

IMBE-MWA (608)

6 November 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, Fort Benning, GA 31905

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

1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 0930 on 6 November 2019 at Army Community Service, Building 7.

2. Membership Present or Represented:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Mr. Alvin Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
Mr. Kevin Clarke	Chief, DES
COL Eliasib Lozano	Deputy Commander, MEDDAC
Ms. Heather Bearden	Assistant Director, Villages of Benning
Ms. Yvonne Kuhfahl	Store Secretary, DeCA
Ms. Rutchel Williams	Services Business Manager, AAFES
CH (LTC) Peter Ferris	MCoE and Garrison Chaplain

3. The CARE panel and briefers provide valuable information for leaders to share with their units. The panel and briefers are available after the meeting to answer questions. "School Resources" was today's topic.

4. Community Forum:

a. Phenix City School District - Mr. Randy Wilkes briefed the accomplishments of Phenix City public schools receiving an "A" on the state report card. He informed attendees of the various programs offered for grades K-12 to include SMARTlabs, STEM Center, Accelerated Academy, and Career Tech. For more information, please refer to CARE slides or visit <https://www.pcboe.net>

b. Lee County School District - Dr. James McCoy briefed Lee County School District's accomplishments. He informed attendees of alternate learning programs to include LC2 facility program that offers students who desire to pursue their education differently than the standard classroom. In addition, a new program called "New Beginnings" will be available after Christmas that will assist children with mental illnesses to thrive academically. For more information, please visit <https://www.lee.k12.al.us>

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c. Russell County School District - Ms. Tammy Barnes briefed Russell County School District's primary goals: provide a safe and secure environment, increase student achievement, improve students' social and emotional development, and build a professional workforce through enhanced staff development. She briefed on the continuance of hiring qualified teachers to instruct in their schools to combat the teacher shortage. In addition, the Superintendent is currently visiting Korea to search for qualified teachers in the subjects of math and science and hoping to get a memorandum of understanding with the Korean government. Ms. Barnes informed attendees that all school buses now have accurate GPS location tracking. For more information, please refer to CARE slides or visit <https://www.russell.k12.ky.us>

d. Muscogee County School District - Dr. David Lewis briefed on the magnet programs the Muscogee County Schools offer. He stated the high schools have surpassed state and national averages in SAT scores. In addition, Columbus High School was named winner of the new Military Flagship School Award. Dr. Lewis informed the attendees of the successes of the District's Art Programs and Schools to include the 1st Lego League District. For more information, please visit <https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/> or contact Ms. Register at register.darlene@muscogee.k12.ga.us.

e. Chattahoochee County School District - Dr. Kristina Brooks briefed on the programs and services available to include college and career academy, dual enrollment, advanced placement academics, gifted education services, alternative learning/virtual program and other after-school programs. She stated the school district has a graduation rate of 90 percent. She informed attendees of the continual effort to provide educational services for military students and their Families. For more information, please refer to CARE slides or visit <https://www.chattco.org>

f. Fort Benning School District - Dr. Lisa Coleman briefed on Fort Benning School District's accomplishments throughout the years. She stated Fort Benning schools are continuing to bridge the achievement gap on educational development. She briefed the statistics of increasing educational proficiency from elementary through middle school. In addition, the Fort Benning School District strives to ensure all students receive a smooth transition into high school. For more information, please refer to CARE slides or visit <https://www.dodea.edu/Americas/southeast/FortBenning/index.cfm>

g. Tutor.com - Mr. Ethan Branch briefed that tutor.com is available at no cost to active duty DoD service members and their dependents in grades K-12. This online tutoring service provides 24/7 homework help, studying for exams, standardized test preparation and writing support. For more information, please refer to CARE slides or email Ethan Branch at ethan.d.branch.naf@mail.mil

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h. Santa's Castle - Ms. Melanie Wilhite briefed Santa's Castle received an abundance of applications; therefore, they are no longer accepting requests for the holiday season with the exception of emergency applications. She expressed the need for volunteers to assist with gift shopping. Santa's Castle needs donations for young children, infant books, stocking stuffers and gifts for ages 9-18. They are accepting gift cards between \$15- \$25. For more information, call 706-326-6338 or email fortbenningsantacastle@gmail.com

5. Panel Updates:

a. DES - Mr. Kevin Clarke briefed on the importance of safe driving should you encounter a deer in the road. He informed attendees of road closures on 16-17 November due to the Soldier's Marathon and the School of America's protest 1000-1500. In addition, Benning Boulevard gate will be closed Thanksgiving Day but will resume regular hours 29 November. He informed the attendees of the "Fort Benning Check Quarters form." This form gives Military Police permission to monitor security of your quarters while you are away. For more information, please visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES>

b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) - COL Eliasib Lozano stated dates for Federal Dental and Vision Program open season will run concurrently with TRICARE pen season 11 November - 9 December. Beneficiary can use this period to enroll or change in a dental and or vision plan which will become effective 1 January 2020. For additional details, please visit <https://www.tricare.mil/Plans/Enroll/OpenSeason> He briefed the DoD has a shortage of the influenza immunizations and MACH has limited supply. However, beneficiaries can go to approved outside pharmacies for this service. For children under age 12, please contact the nurse's hotline to leave a message for your provider to receive a written prescription. COL Lozano followed up on the safety request regarding children that are not receiving services in the lab, radiology and other specialty clinics. He stated a policy is pending review and signature. More guidance will be forthcoming at the next CARE meeting. COL Lozano stated that MACH has started a Pharmacy drop-off pilot program. It allows for patients who check into the front desk pharmacy before noon, will receive a special ticket and prescriptions will be available for pick up after 1500 the same day. In addition, the pharmacy can only hold a "dropped-off" prescription for a maximum of 3 days due to limited storage capacity. COL Lozano stated they are currently looking for active duty and Family members to join the Patient and Family Partnership Council. The application window is currently open and closes 15 November. The first council meeting is January 2020 before the Martin Luther King weekend. For questions, individuals can email usarmy.benning.medcom-bmach.mbx.bmach-pfp-council@mail.mil

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c. Villages of Benning - Ms. Heather Bearden briefed on the upcoming pottery event 19 November 1700-1900 at Patton Village Community Center. She stated Villages of Benning's annual Winter Wonderland event is 13 December. Please contact your Housing Office for more information.

d. Defense Commissary Activity - Ms. Yvonne Kuhfahl stated Commissary hours for Veterans Day are 0900-1700 and closed Thanksgiving Day. Santa's visit is between 0900-1200 on 14 December. For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

e. AAFES - Ms. Rutchel Williams briefed AAFES Santa's visit is 7 - 8 December between 1200-1600. She stated that gift-wrapping fundraisers are for private organizations only and requesters must produce a memorandum. Gift-wrapping schedule will post at the main store, Building 9220. For additional information regarding gift-wrapping, contact Jojo Saldares at saludaresj@aafes.com, 706-685-3257 extension 103 or Ms. Williams at williamsrutc@aafes.com, 706-662-9177.

f. MCoE and Garrison Chaplain - LTC Ferris briefed on the designated offering received for Santa's Castle. The next designated offering will take place 17 November. For more information, please visit www.benning.army.mil/garrison/chaplains

g. DFMWR - Mr. Alvin Gelineau informed attendees that the November/December On the Go Magazine is now available. He then briefed on upcoming Family and MWR events: Santa's Visit to Riverside on 12 December, Trees for Troops 5 December 1030, at Wetherby Field. Grand opening of the new simulation reality site is 1600-2000 on 15 November. There is a CPR class scheduled at Doughboy Stadium 13 November with Red Cross. He stated the McIver Suites will be down 6 months to complete renovations. For more information, please visit www.benning.armymwr.com

h. COL Scalia informed attendees of a Thanksgiving meal at the Benning Club for a small fee. Community Resources is topic for next month's CARE meeting. He informed everyone of a Housing Town Hall scheduled right after the 3 December CARE meeting.

6. Due Outs: MACH, follow up safety policy for children not receiving services in clinics.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1054. Next meeting is 3 December at 0930 in ACS, Building 7.

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