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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF  
IMBE-MWA (608)

13 August 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation,  
ATTN: IMBE-MWA, Fort Benning, GA 31905

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

1. Subject minutes are ~~approved/disapproved~~.
2. Point of contact for this action is Navarsha Shubert, DFMWR, ACS, Program Analyst, 706-545-7423.

  
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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) meeting convened at 0930 on 6 August 19 at Army Community Service (ACS), Building 7.

2. Membership Present or Represented:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Alvin D. Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
Mr. Kevin Clarke	Deputy Chief, DES
COL Melissa Hoffman	Commander, MEDDAC
Mike Snyder	Facilities Director, Villages of Benning
Terry Ford	Store Director, DeCA
Don Sydlik	General 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. "Back to School" was today's topic.

4. Community Forum:

a. School Liaison Office (SLO) – School Liaison Officers Ethan Branch and Marcus DuBose briefed the School Liaison Office's support of the CYS mission by leveraging community resources to reduce the impact of the mobile military lifestyle on children and youth. Those on the housing waitlist will receive a 90-day waiver letter from housing that will allow students to enroll into DoDEA schools. This letter gives 90 instructional days that starts the first day of school. Families who live off-post cannot attend on-post schools unless they have the 90-day waiver letter. Bus transportation is available for all Fort Benning students regardless of having a bus pass or not. In addition, the state of Alabama offers middle and high home schooled students opportunities for extracurricular activities. In the state of Georgia, each district has different requirements for extracurricular activities for home schooled students. For more information see the CARE flyers or email <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/school-support-services>.

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b. Child & Youth Services (CYS) - Ms. Daphne Montgomery briefed Middle School & Teen (MS&T) now offers before school care; fees based on income. The MS&T Program offers a free open recreation after school service for Faith Middle School students. School Age Care provides before and after school care; fees based on total Family income. Both MS&T and SAC provide transportation to all on-post schools. Georgia Pre-K Program offers full-day care 0830 - 1500. Currently, there is a waitlist at all locations. Hourly care is available Tuesdays and Thursdays 0800 - 1700 which includes a fee of \$5 per hour per child 6 weeks to 5 years (non-kindergarten). Reservations are available up to three weeks in advance. Hourly services are available to school age dependents through SAC. For more information see the CARE flyers or email <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/parent-central>.

c. Military Student Coordinator - Ms. Darlene Register briefed Bill 59 that states new Families who provide documentation of residence within the district can enroll in the school district for 30 days with a possible extension of an additional 30 days. Muscogee County middle and high schools offer fine arts and club sports. Columbus High School is the first military flagship awardee in the state of Georgia. For more information, see the CARE flyers or email [registar.darlene@muscoogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:registar.darlene@muscoogee.k12.ga.us).

d. School Military & Family Life Counselor (MFLC) - Ms. Kimberly Pritchard briefed that the MFLC program provides short term, situational, and problem solving counseling to service members and their Families. The MFLCs do not keep records or documentation on file. The MFLCs offer mobile counseling services in public areas throughout the schools as well as on or off military installations. In addition, counselors are located in DoDEA schools and units. For more information, see the CARE slides for contact information.

e. Tutor.com – Ms. Julie Yerkes briefed attendees of online tutoring services offered to K-12 military dependents of active duty service members, active full-time and deployed National Guard and Reserve personnel in all branches. For more information, please see the CARE slides or email [militarysupport@tutor.com](mailto:militarysupport@tutor.com).

#### 5. Panel Updates:

a. DES – Mr. Kevin Clarke briefed on telephone and social media scams and cautioned everyone to beware. He also spoke on the various ways to sponsor guests for installation access. Guests are able to access post if accompanied by military ID card holder. Short-term visitor passes or in-house provider passes are available. In-house provider access cards are valid up to one year. For ID card resets, visit Building 19. For more information, call 706-545-5224.

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b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) – Colonel Hoffman briefed the success of the back-to-school sports physicals. See the CARE flyers for additional information. Effective 13 Sep 19, pharmacy hours will change to 0800 - 1730.

c. Villages of Benning – Mr. Snyder briefed that due to the increase of permanent party arriving to Fort Benning, there are various waitlists for all Fort Benning Villages. All housing will receive RSI checks before any new tenant moves in. Due to changes in K&E policies wait times have increased. There will be incentives offered for partial turn move-ins. There is a 19-day turnaround for all housing excluding historical housing. Historical housing renovations are taking 8 – 10 weeks depending on severity of issues. Work order call-ins for vacant housing are accepted Monday - Friday 0800 to 2000. Upcoming events include Breakfast on the Go, 10 Sep 19 and Tailgate Football Party, 21 Sep 19. Please contact your Housing Office for more information.

d. Defense Commissary Activity - Ms. Ford briefed there will be a Back to School Side Walk Sale, 15 - 17 Aug 19. For additional information, please see the CARE flyers or visit [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

e. AAFES - Mr. Sydlik briefed the incoming Qdoba to open October 2019. New military uniforms are currently available for purchase with a limit of two per customer. In the near future, new construction begins for another Panda Express in the mini mall and a new dental clinic located in the main store. For more information, visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

f. MCoE and Garrison Chaplain - (COL) Ferris briefed there is a new Director of Religious Education on board. Due to the Chaplain PCS season, trained interns who are skilled would continue to provide service.

g. DFMWR - Mr. Gelineau stated communication methods for information regarding Family and MWR. Upcoming events include the Better at Benning Expo and a Glow Run. For more information, visit [www.benning.armymwr.com](http://www.benning.armymwr.com).

6. The following questions arose from the audience:

a. Can the hospital research a way to allow a Soldier or his/her spouse to take child/children with them into lab when having procedure(s) performed?

b. Who are authorized users of the marquees for promotional purposes?

c. Can one receive an additional extension after 90 school days are met?

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7. Due Outs:

- a. Colonel Hoffman – Respond to question ref child/children's access when Soldier or his/her spouse have lab work performed.
- b. Mr. Gelineau – Report out on the marquee policy for promotional purposes.
- c. Dr. Coleman – Answer if there is an additional extension allowed after 90 school days are met?

7. Meeting adjourned at 1124. The next CARE meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5 Sep 0930 in ACS, Building 7.

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