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4 March 2020

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. The March Community Activities and Resources Exchange meeting minutes are approved/disapproved.
2. POC: Ms. Michele Urbina, DFMWR, ACS, Program Support Assistant, 706-545-6971.



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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 3 March 2020 at Army Community Service (ACS), Building 7.

2. Membership Present or Represented:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Mr. Alvin D. Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
Mr. Tim Stevens	DES
Ms. Denise Bleiler	Community Director, Villages of Benning
Ms. Janice Johnson	Resource Management, DeCA
Mr. Don Sydlik	AAFES General Manager
Mr. Nathan Snook	Deputy, Public Affairs Office

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

4. Community Forum:

a. Soldier for Life (SFL) - Transition Assistance Program (TAP) – Mr. Eddie Perez briefed SFL-TAP services. This program offers services not only to transitioning service members but also to DoD Civilians, veterans, military spouses and their Families. He stressed the need for more spousal interest stating spouses can receive assistance on resume writing, employment, how to dress for success and more. He discussed creating a workshop geared toward military spouses seeking employment if enough spouses express interest. For more information, see CARE slides or call 706-545-6014 to request the Spousal Employment Workshop.

b. Veterans Affairs (VA) - Mr. Tony Hobbs stated a 6-hour VA brief is available for service members, spouses and retirees covering transitioning, health insurance, financial information, etc. Operating hours are 0800 to 1630. He asked more spouses to attend to help aid in the transition. Mr. Hobbs briefly spoke about the education benefit differences between Alabama and Georgia. For more information, visit <https://www.va.gov/>.

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c. Department of Labor - Mr. Maurice Marshall briefed services offered at the Department of Labor, located at 700 Veterans Parkway, Columbus, Georgia. It offers employment counseling, resume writing, job referrals, and disability accommodations. Service members may register with Department of Labor 180 days before their DEROS date. Department of Labor provides computer access for additional assistance needs. It also offers services to eligible spouses. Currently, the Department has up to 450 job openings. For more information visit <https://www.dol.gov/>.

d. Retirement Services – Ms. Verna Clemons stated retirement briefs are on the second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of each month. She stressed the importance of spouses attending their briefs as it helps to understand their services. She spoke in detail on the Survivor Benefit Plan, Spouse Election, and Child Only Election. She stated that retirement pay stops with the death of the retiree. Child Only Election eligibility is for unmarried students between 18 and 22. For more specified information, see CARE Slides or contact Ms. Clemons at Verna.d.clemons.civ@mail.mil.

e. Transportation - Ms. Kathy Birch informed attendees on Transportation Services. There are two briefings every day except Wednesdays, beginning at 0830. You can attend a PPM/DITY move brief online. For PPM/DITY moves, accurate weight tickets are required for reimbursement costs. Ms. Birch stressed if you are new to the military or transitioning out of the military you may attend these briefings as well. For more information, call 706-545-4900.

f. Family Advocacy Program (FAP) - Ms. Patricia Cunningham briefed Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Awareness Month events. Child Safety Activity Book, Artwork, and Pinwheel Parades will be on display all month. The New Parent Support Program will have an awareness booth at the Spring Eggstravaganza 4 Apr. Additionally, there will be a Wallet ID Card Kit given 8 Apr that will feature fingerprints. Strikeout Child Abuse is 30 Mar - 5 Apr. For the entire list of events for Apr, see CARE slides and flyers.

5. Panel Updates:

a. DFMWR – Mr. Al Gelineau followed up on due-outs (Hourly Care Pilot and Home Based Businesses (HBB)). He briefed current statistics for Hourly Care. There's an increase from the month prior but it is averaging at 34 percent of its overall capacity. Mr. Gelineau requested spouses continued support to get the information out to others. Hourly Care is not only for when you have appointments but also for when you need to run errands or anytime you need short-term child care. The Hourly Care Pilot ends in May. Regarding HBB, "crafts and hobbyists" fall under the category of HBB. He moved on to address Cable TV and Internet issues. Anyone having concerns, contact 1-866-874-2389. If your issues are not resolved, contact the MWR Contracting Officer Representative, Ms. Vickie Smith, at 706-545-4060.

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b. Public Affairs Office (PAO) - Mr. Nathan Snook briefed on the services PAO offers to the Garrison. There is a Facebook Live Town Hall 24 Mar, 1800-1900. Those wanting to attend can go to the SFL Center at 8150 Marne Road. There are different avenues PAO uses to provide important information to the community to include Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningGarrison> and the PAO website at <https://www.benning.army.mil/>. The PAO attends various meetings to include social events. For additional information, refer to CARE slides.

c. Villages of Benning – Ms. Denise Bleiler briefed the continued efforts to provide communication between The Villages and residents. The Villages give pre-move inspections up to 120 days prior to move out. There is an educational scholarship opportunity with the Michael Scholars Foundation. Villages of Benning residents can apply at www.michaelscholar.com. We have a shred event 14 Mar 0900-1300 and the Spring Fling is 20 Mar 1600-1800. We will continue series of spousal meetings in Mar. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

d. Department of Emergency Services (DES) – Mr. Tim Stevens briefed the Spring Break quarters checklist. He stressed the importance of informing DES if you or a Family member return to your residence earlier than expected. On 22 Mar, expect Benning Boulevard to be closed for repairs. In-bound traffic will be closed an estimated 4 weeks and out-bound closed an estimated 8 weeks. Additionally, you can now get a limited Access Control pass online. For more information, see CARE flyers or visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>

e. Defense Commissary Activity – Ms. Janice Johnson announced the new Commissary Officer will arrive on or around 17 Mar. She requested attendees to participate in the Commissary survey found at the end of their Commissary receipts. For more information, see CARE flyers or visit www.commissaries.com

f. AAFES – Mr. Don Sydlik informed attendees the Movie Theater is now open. The new dental clinic located at the Main PX should be open 14 Jun. AAFES will now post updates on their Facebook page of vendors they will have for the week. For more information, call 706-682-0562 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/>

g. COL Scalia went over highlights of the CARE meeting and reviewed due-outs. He briefed Census 2020 that is to occur this month. He discussed current preventive measures to control the coronavirus. There will be a 14-day quarantine of people traveling from hot spot areas. Those experiencing symptoms of the virus must contact their PCM for further instructions on proper procedures to safely access care at MACH.

6. Due-Out for MACH: Publicize plan for procedures regarding the coronairus.

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7. For more information visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/care-community-activities-resource-exchange>.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1100. The next CARE meeting is 7 Apr at 0930 in ACS, Building 7.

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