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IMBE-MWA (608)

**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. POC: Navarsha Shubert, Program Analyst, ACS, DFMWR, 706-545-7423.


**MATTHEW SCALIA
COL, IN
Garrison Commander**

**CF:
Each Panel Member**



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1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 0930 on 5 September 2019 at Army Community Service (ACS), Building 7.

2. Panel Members Present or Represented:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Ms. Patrician Lamson	Deputy Director, Family and MWR
Mr. Timothy Stevens	Police Chief, DES
COL Eliasib Lozano	Deputy Commander, MEDDAC
Mr. Michael Snyder	Facilities 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 members and briefers provide valuable information for leaders to share with their units. The panel and briefers are available after the meeting to answer questions. Today's topic: On-Post Resources.

4. Community Forum:

a. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program - Ms. Latrice Love briefed on WIC's supplemental program. The program provides personalized nutrition consultations, breastfeeding support, vouchers to buy health food, tips on eating well and referrals to other services beneficial to the entire Family. The program also offers up to \$30 per child to attend their local farmers market during the summer as a way to provide additional support. For more information, see the CARE flyer or visit WIC https://www.wicprograms.org/ci/ga-ft_benning.

b. Santa's Castle - Ms. Melanie Wilhite briefed Santa's Castle provides gifts to military children (infants to 18 years) during the Christmas season. Volunteers are welcome and there is a need for infant stocking stuffers and new books. Upcoming events include 3rd Annual Dusk Golf Scramble and Shot-Gun fundraiser. For more information, see the CARE flyer or visit website: www.santascastlebenning.org.

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c. Georgia Drivers Services - Ms. Debby Watkins briefed on driving services offered at Benning. For more information on services, visit <https://dds.georgia.gov/>. She mentioned the new state and federal regulations for the Secure ID go into effect 1 October 2020. Driver's license renewal and out-of-state transfers were discussed. COL Thompson (JAG) stated he would develop an Information Paper for the next CARE meeting about the rules applying to military and the need to obtain an in-state driver's license.

d. Fort Benning Veterinary Center - Ms. Lynn Wilson briefed on their services which include sick call, immunizations, nail trims and quarantine procedures. She stated the importance of stopping by their office prior to PCS to assist with paperwork and other requirements. Please see the CARE flyer for additional information.

5. Panel Updates:

a. DES - Mr. Timothy Steven briefed the statistics for first responders (fire department and police) activity. He turned the floor over to Special Agent Joshua Frischman of the Criminal Investigation Division who briefed on the dangers of Internet and online gaming for teens. He explained some of the grooming warning signs associated with gaming amongst adolescences. He stated he is available to brief at Soldier & Family Readiness Group meetings. Contact him at joshua.n.frischman.mil@mail.mil or call 918-704-7629 for more information.

b. Martin Army Community Hospital - COL Eliasib Lozano stated issues regarding back-to-school physicals were resolved. He briefed the concerns of patient safety for children. Children may not accompany parents to the labs, radiology or other ancillary services unless they are the patient. He recommended Families utilize MWR childcare. Additional guidance in development.

c. Villages of Benning - Mr. Michael Snyder briefed on reduction of lawn services for fall. He stated they are in the process of restriping crosswalks in Patton Village. Housing waitlist increased from 509 to 284. He discussed upcoming events in the Housing communities. Contact your Housing Office or refer to CARE flyer for more information.

d. Defense Commissary Activity (DeCA) - Ms. Kuhfahl stated Commissary hours are 0900-1700, Halloween candy is now available, and the store will stock holiday items by the end of September. For additional information, please see the CARE flyer or visit www.commissaries.com.

e. AAFES – Ms. Williams informed attendees AAFES has two upcoming events--the Little Mermaid Birthday Bash and the Playdough Kitchen Creations. For more information see the CARE flyer or visit www.aafes.com

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f. MCoE and Garrison Chaplain - LTC Ferris briefed on the great turnout for the women's ministries on post. He informed the attendees of the joint baptismal service scheduled for the weekend. Visit www.benning.army.mil/garrison/chaplains for additional information.

g. DFMWR - Ms. Lamson briefed upcoming events for MWR. For more information visit www.benning.armymwr.com.

h. COL Scalia informed attendees CARE meeting dates will return to the first Tuesday each month with the exception of January which will be the second Tuesday. MWR will post flyers and agendas the Monday prior to the meetings. He stated there are two town halls scheduled for the future, one in person and one via Facebook. He will consider holding a Facebook live event in the future. He informed the attendees of the upcoming "On the Table" event. He stated a DoDEA representative is planning to attend November's CARE meeting.

6. Due Outs:

a. COL Scalia – Try to find space for a Santa's Castle drop-off and announce the date for Trick or Treating.

b. Georgia Driver's Services - Invite back for clarification concerning Gold Stars and Georgia driver's licenses.

c. COL Thompson (JAG) - Information Paper about the rules applying to military and the need to obtain an in-state driver's license.

d. DES/CID – Trifold on Internet dangers and current on-post crime statistics.

e. Martin Army Community Hospital - Clear guidance on children in the Hospital, including if babies are included in the guidance.

e DeCA - Follow up on possibly providing more cashiers during the morning hours.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1105. The next CARE meeting is Tuesday, 1 October at 0930, in ACS, Building 7.

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NAVARSHA SHUBERT
ACS Program Analyst

CF: Panel members