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US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
IMCOM DIRECTORATE - TRAINING
1 KARKER STREET, MCGINNIS-WICKAM HALL
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-5000

OCT 18 2017

IMBE-MWA (608)

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Community Activities Resource Exchange Meeting

1. Reference enclosed memorandum, IMBE-MWA, 3 October 2017, subject: Minutes of the Community Activities Resource Exchange Meeting.
2. Subject minutes are approved/disapproved.

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COL, IN
Garrison Commander

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MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Community Activities Resource Exchange Meeting

1. The Community Activities Resource Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 1030 on 3 Oct, Building 7.

2. Attendees:

COL Clinton Cox	Garrison Commander
COL Larry McCord	MACH
LTC Daron Settles	DES
Alvin Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
Kathy Barry	The Villages of Benning
Samuel Sommerville	Defense Commissary Agency
Don Sydlik	General Manager, AAFES
Senior spouses and various unit/agency representatives	

3. The CARE meeting's purpose is informing spouses, Family Readiness Support Assistants (FRSAs), Family Readiness Group (FRG) leaders, volunteers, and Civilians of Fort Benning and surrounding community events and items of interest. This month's meeting theme was "community resources."

4. Community Forum: COL Cox welcomed everyone.

a. Springer Opera House: Heather McLendon announced the children's fall academy classes start 7 Oct. Classes are for children 5 to 18 years of age to learn about the theater. Children's theater starts 6 October with The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. Active Duty receive a 10 percent discount.

b. River Center for Performing Arts: Norman Easterbrook offers a variety of programs and show times at the River Center. The River Center welcomes school groups to attend matinees. The community is welcome to attend orchestra rehearsals Saturdays at noon, free of charge. Active Duty receive a 10 percent discount.

c. Army Family Action Plan (AFAP): Nicole Heller explained that the AFAP is to

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identify issues within the Army. Issues can be specific to Fort Benning or Army wide. Fort Benning's AFAP is 31 Oct through 2 Nov in ACS HQs, Building 7. The AFAP out brief is 2 Nov at 1500 and open to the community. People interested in submitting quality of life issues for the AFAP can do so at <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-services1>.

d. Volunteer Awards/FRG Christmas Gift Wrapping: Starla De Saussure reviewed volunteer awards, stating awards can be for individuals, groups/units, or retirees and those interested in nominating a volunteer for an award should contact her. This spring, a new smartphone application is expected to be available, which will allow volunteers to track their volunteer hours in the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) from their smartphone. The annual FRG gift wrapping at AAFES is 4 through 24 Dec. AAFES provides necessary materials except scissors and tape. The FRGs must contact Ms. De Saussure to reserve a time and date to wrap gifts. Ms. De Saussure can be reached at 706-545-3016/4043.

e. Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Karoushia Jordan stated that Oct is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. Events to promote awareness of domestic violence include a vigil with a walk, a Cupcake Challenge, and self-defense training. Call Army Family Advocacy at 706-545-3202 for additional information.

5. Panel Report:

a. DES: LTC Settles reiterated access control point (ACP) hours of operation. The Benning Boulevard ACP operates 0600 to 1800, Mon through Fri. On Fri, 6 Oct, the Benning Boulevard ACP operates 0600 to 1100 and 1300 to 1800. The Sand Hill ACP operates 0500 to 1700, Mon through Fri. Trick or Treat on Fort Benning is 31 October 1800 to 2000.

b. MACH: COL McCord asked people to let him know if MACH is not meeting their needs. The hospital parking garage renovation is ongoing. MAJ Melinda Wallace provided a flyer with influenza immunization dates and locations. Starting with the Columbus Day Holiday, MACH starts taking training holidays with Fort Benning. The Defense Health Agency is taking over TRICARE. The deadline for Families to change from TRICARE Standard to TRICARE Prime before the end of 2017 is 23 November.

c. The Villages of Benning: Ms. Barry briefed Housing is working extended hours to reduce work orders backlog. Grass mowing season ended in Sep. One more grass mowing is under negotiation for Oct. Historic homes on Fort Benning are getting exhaust fans installed. Pools closed for the season. A Pouch Plunge, scheduled at the Indianhead pool for 7 Oct is 1200 to 1400.

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d. Commissary: Mr. Sommerville stated the Commissary renovation is scheduled to be complete 30 Apr 18. The commissary is accepting applications for cashiers and begins accepting the Gold Star Card 23 Oct.

e. AAFES: Mr. Sydlik reported the Muscle Maker Grill opens in the AAFES food court 1 Nov. Mini-mall renovations include Hunt's Brothers Pizza and Kickin Chicken food vendors. Starting 11 Nov, Honorably discharged veterans are eligible to shop AAFES on-line.

f. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation: Mr. Gelineau promoted Fort Benning's Oktoberfest and the October edition of On-the-Go. He encouraged Families to sign-up with Bridgett Siter's Up-Next for current events. Ms. Siter can be reached at 706-545-4468. Family and MWR is seeking volunteers for the "Help the Hooch" event scheduled for 12 Oct. Help the Hooch is a clean-up of water ways on Fort Benning. The new Family and MWR library opens soon. It includes 70 computers for public use and meeting rooms. Repair to Smith Fitness Center starts soon and requires approximately one year to complete.

6. COL Cox reminded everyone of Fort Benning's Centennial events marking the collaboration between Fort Benning and Columbus. He also expressed his appreciation for everyone's support preparing and responding to Hurricane Irma.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1130. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 Nov.

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PERRY R. TRIPP

Supervisor, Mobilization and Deployment



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Tuesday, 3 October 2017, 1030-1145
Army Community Service Auditorium

Agenda

1030 -1035 Welcome - COL Cox

1035-1110 Community Resources:

- Springer Opera House – Heather McLendon
- River Center for Performing Arts – Carrie Corbett
- National Infantry Museum (NIM) – Laura Warren
- School Liaison Officer – Tawanna Brown
- Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) – Nicole Heller
- Volunteer Awards / FRG Christmas Gift Wrapping – Starla De Saussure
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Theresa Sanchez

1110-1115 Community Forum - COL Cox

1115-1130 Panel Reports

- Garrison Commander – COL Clinton Cox
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- Directorate of Emergency Services - LTC Daron Settles
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- Martin Army Community Hospital - COL Larry McCord
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- Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation – Al Gelineau
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1130-1135 Closing Remarks

The CARE Minutes & Significant Activities (SIGACTS) Calendar are at <https://benning.armymwr.com/us/benning>

The next CARE will be on Tuesday, 7 November 2017.





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OCT / NOV 2017

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- 6-9 Oct Columbus Day TNG/FED Holiday
- 9-11 Oct AUSA Fall Meeting
- 10 Oct 2-54 IN CSM COR
- 12 Oct Quarterly Excellence Breakfast
- 12 Oct Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 1100
- 12 Oct Downtown Fort Benning Centennial Celebration, 1300
- 13 Oct WHINSEC International Festival
- 16-20 Oct International Sniper Competition
- 17 Oct Monthly Retirement Ceremony, 0930
- 17 Oct Congressional Military Family Caucus, NIM
- 17 Oct Linwood Ramble, Linwood Cemetery, 1700
- 20 Oct Oktoberfest 10K
- 20-22 Oct Oktoberfest
- 26 Oct FB Golf Scramble
- 26 Oct EFMP Trunk or Treat
- 27 Oct German Unification Day Celebration
- 27 Oct Blanchard Breakfast
- 28 Oct FBGA Halloween
- 4 Nov Community Concert, 1800
- Nov 198 IN CSM COR, 1000
- 10-13 Nov Veterans Day FED/TNG Holiday
- 11 Nov Veterans Day Parade, 1000
- 14 Nov Leadership Columbus Visit
- 15 Nov German/Italian Memorial Day
- 17-19 Nov Multi-Gun Challenge
- 18 Nov Soldier Marathon
- 20-24 Nov Thanksgiving School Break
- 21 Nov Monthly Retirement Ceremony, 0930
- 23-26 Nov Thanksgiving FED/TNG Holiday
- 30 Nov FB Golf Scramble

FY17 Fort Benning AFAP Conference

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What is AFAP?

- The "Voice of the Customer"
- Engages Soldiers, Families, survivors, retirees, and Department of the Army Civilians across all Army Components to identify, prioritize, and elevate quality of life issues to senior leaders for action and resolution.
- AFAP is codified in Army Regulation 608-1: Army Community Service and a Secretary of the Army approved AFAP General Officer Steering Committee (GOSC) Joint Department of Defense Committee Charter.

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FY17 Fort Benning AFAP Conference

October 31 – November 2, 2017

0830-1630

Army Community Service, Bldg 7

- **Out-Brief is at 1500 on November 2 in the ACS Auditorium and is open to the Fort Benning Community**

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AFAP Conference

- Solicit issues year-round via MWR website link and www.myarmyonesource.com
- Vet the issues through the ICE system
- Issues that meet the AFAP Criteria are presented to a diverse group of selected delegates representing Soldiers, Family Members, Retirees, Civilians and Survivors who participate in a three-day conference with the assistance of subject matter experts to recommend viable solutions

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AFAP Issue Criteria

- Identifies a problem that affects readiness or quality of life and requires action to resolve.
- Is within the purview of Fort Benning, FORSCOM, TRADOC, HQDA or DoD to resolve. (*States rights or issues that fall under the purview of agencies such as the Veteran's Affairs, DoDEA, or Department of Homeland Security do not meet AFAP criteria.*)
- Addresses one topic, one demographic, has a measurable end product, and requires a single agency for resolution.
- Issue does not duplicate an active HQDA AFAP issue or an AFAP issue that has been addressed in the past three years.



PROVEN RESULTS

- **Distribution of Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Benefits to Dependents**
- **Convicted Sex Offender Registry**
- **Family Care Plan Provider Access to Installations**
- **Paternity Leave for Soldiers**
- **Creation of Family Readiness Groups (FRGs)**
- **Creation of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)**
- **Creation of the Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Program**
- **Availability of Authorized TRICARE Providers**
- **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Rehabilitation Program**
- **In-state College Tuition**
- **Audio/Video Surveillance in Childcare Centers**



FY17 Fort Benning AFAP Issues

3 Submitted Issues resolved locally

- Finance Process for National Guard Soldier
- Government Travel Care Usage
- Installation Community Gardens

6 FY17 AFAP issues submitted to IMCOM:

- Consolidated Portal to Access and Track Required Training for Soldiers
- Consolidated Portal to Access and Track Required Training for Civilians
- Transferability of Approved Fertility Treatments for Tri-Care Beneficiaries
- Race Identifiers on Soldier's Personnel Records
- Retirement Options for Soldiers in the MED Board Process
- Child, Youth and School Services Mission Level 3 Support for Drill Sergeants



Submit an Issue



<https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-services1>

www.myarmyonesource.com



Annual Exchange Gift Wrap Fundraiser 4 December - 24 December 2017



AAFES Responsibilities

- ❖ Provides location in front of Exchange (in the GameStop hallway)
- ❖ Provides marketing materials promoting gift wrap fundraiser
- ❖ Provides wrapping paper, ribbon, boxes, tape, and scissors

Unit/Organization Responsibilities



- ❖ Provides volunteers to wrap gifts
- ❖ Provides bows and nametags
- ❖ Provides money box or jar for donations
- ❖ Cleans up (tidy up and take out trash) after shift is done
- ❖ Calls the AVC if unable to make shift

CAUTIONS:

- ❖ Do not bring children under 12 to gift wrap station (this includes no children in strollers, as this is a liability issue)
- ❖ Please do not wrap baskets, boxes, for marketing
- ❖ Do not waste paper...try to recycle
- ❖ Do not take scissors, or other supplies home


DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28 0900 - 1300 WHINSEC FRG	29 0900 - 1300 OPEN	30 0900 - 1300 OPEN	1 14 th CSH HHB	2 0900 - 1300 WHINSEC FRG	3 0900-1300 3-15 th CAV
	1300-1700 OPEN	1300 - 1700 OPEN	1300 - 1700 OPEN	1300 - 1700 BMACH, Alpha Co FRG	1300 - 1700 BMACH-Bravo Co FRG	1300 - 1700 17 th Special Tactics Squadron
	1700 - 2000 OPEN	1700 - 2000 OPEN	1700 - 2000 A Troop, 5-15th FRG	1700 - 2000 OPEN	1700-2000 OPEN	1700-2000 NCOA, ALC, 199 th BDE
4 1000 - 1300 17 th Special Tactics Squadron	5 0900 - 1300 OPEN	6 0900 - 1300 OPEN	7 0900 - 1300 NCOA, ALC, 199 th BDE	8 0900 - 1300 ACSVSA-AFTB	9 0900-1300 ACSVSA-AFTB	10 0900-1300 Air Force Sergeants Assn
1300 - 1600 Army Marksmanship Unit	1300 - 1700 WHINSEC FRG	1300 - 1700 30 th AG FRG	1300 - 1700 ACSVSA-EFMP	1300 - 1700 ACSVSA-AFTB	1300 - 1700 WHINSEC FRG	1300 - 1700 17 th Special Tactics Squadron
1600 -1900 2-16 th CAV	1700 - 2000 BMACH, Alpha Co FRG	1700 - 2000 OPEN	1700 - 2000 OPEN	1700 - 2000 ACSVSA-AFTB	1700 - 2000 D Co., 1-16 CAV FRG Men's Shopping Night	1700-2000 2-16 th CAV
11 1000 - 1300 17 th Special Tactics Squadron	12 0900 - 1300 HHC, 4th RTB	13 0900 - 1300 HHC, 4th RTB	14 0900 - 1300 HHC, 4th RTB	15 0900 - 1300 1-29th IN FRG	16 0900 - 1300 HHC, 4th RTB	17 0900 - 1300 Air Force Sergeants Assn
1300 -1600 Air Force Sergeants Assn	1300 -1700 OPEN	1300 - 1700 OPEN	1300 - 1700 ACSVSA-EFMP	1300 - 1700 1-16th CAV PO	1300 - 1700 1-16th CAV PO	1300 - 1700 D Troop, 5-15 th CAV
1600 - 1900 D Troop 5-15 th CAV	1700 - 2000 D Co., 1-16 CAV FRG	1700 - 2000 A Troop, 5-15th FRG	1700 - 2000 Army Marksmanship Unit	1700 - 2000 BMACH- Troop Command	1700 - 2000 BMACH- Troop Command	1700 - 2000 BMACH- Troop Command
1900 - 2200 WHINSEC FRG Troop Night						
18 1000 - 1300 ACSVSA-ACSVSA-AFTB	19 0900 - 1300 OPEN	20 0900 - 1300 ACSVSA-EFMP	21 0900 - 1300 2-16 th CAV	22 0900 - 1300 WHINSEC FRG	23 0700 - 1300 ACSVSA-EFMP	24 0700 - 1100 2-16 th CAV
1300 - 1600 Air Force Sergeants Assn	1300 - 1700 14 th CSH	1300 - 1700 ACSVSA - AFTB	1300 - 1700 B Co., 4 th RTB	1300 - 1700 3-16 th CAV	1300 - 1700 ACSVSA-AFTB	1100 - 1500 Army Marksmanship Unit
1600 - 1900 BMACH- Troop Command	1700 - 2000 D Co., 1-16 CAV FRG	1700 - 2000 D Co., 1-16 CAV FRG	1700 - 2000 1-16th CAV PO	1700 - 2000 1-16th CAV PO	1700 - 2000 BMACH-Bravo Co FRG	1500 - 1800 ACSVSA



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Fort Benning Volunteer Awards



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Army Volunteer Corps Types of Awards and Criteria

Quarterly Volunteer Awards

Individual Volunteer Awards are *Volunteer of the Month*, *Volunteer of the Quarter*, and *Youth Volunteer of the Quarter*.


Volunteer must be registered with the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator and/or Family Readiness Group office and have achieved a minimum of 50 volunteer hours per month or service with a significant impact deserving recognition to qualify for the Volunteer of the Month. To qualify for Volunteer of the Quarter the requirement is a minimum of 250 hours per quarter (documented in the AVCC office), which may be a combined total from more than one organization. Youth volunteers must have a minimum of 50 hours per quarter. Volunteers are honored at the Recognition of Excellence breakfast which is held quarterly at the Benning Club. The Volunteer of the Quarter receives a special parking pass to allow special parking at the Post Exchange.

Recognizes outstanding and distinguished support to the unit and/or the Fort Benning community. The written justification must reflect the level of service and the level of impact.

Anyone with direct knowledge of the individual's volunteer services can make the nomination. Approval of the nomination is the organization's director, O-5, commander/CSM, or above.


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Army Volunteer Corps

Types of Awards and Criteria



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MCoE Annual Recognition Individual Volunteer Awards

Individual Volunteer Awards are *Volunteer of Excellence, Retiree Volunteer of Excellence, Youth Volunteer of Excellence, Family Readiness Group Volunteer of Excellence, Soldier Volunteer of the Year, Retiree Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.*

Volunteer must be registered with the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator and/or Family Readiness Group office and have achieved a minimum of 500 volunteer hours (300 hours for Youth volunteers), documented in the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator office, which may be a combined total from more than one organization.


Recognizes outstanding and distinguished support to the unit and/or Fort Benning community. The written justification must reflect the level of service and the level of impact, in addition to holding a leadership position in the organization which is nominating the volunteer.

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MCoE Annual Recognition Group/Organization Awards

Unit/Volunteer Organization of Excellence Award

Recognizes outstanding and distinguished accomplishments by a volunteer organization.


Services must reflect activities of a public service nature contributing to the mission accomplishment of an Army element or to the welfare of Army personnel. Services must reflect off-duty activities and must not be related to the official responsibilities/positions of the unit.

Family Readiness Group of Excellence Award


Recognizes outstanding and distinguished accomplishments by a Family Readiness Group.

Services must reflect activities of a public service nature contributing to the mission accomplishment of an Army element or to the welfare of Army personnel. Services must reflect off-duty activities and must not be related to the official responsibilities/positions of the unit. Nominations must be for the entire group. Individuals cannot be addressed.

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MCoE Annual Recognition Group/Organization Awards

Organization of Excellence Award

Recognizes outstanding and distinguished accomplishments by a volunteer organization.

Services must reflect activities of a public service nature contributing to the mission accomplishment of an Army element or to the welfare of Army personnel. Services must be voluntary and have a significant impact on the post at large.


Volunteer Family of Excellence/ Volunteer Family of the Year Award

Recognizes outstanding and distinguished accomplishments by an Active Duty Family.


Recognizes outstanding and distinguished support to the unit and/or Fort Benning community. The written justification must reflect the level of service and the level of impact. Services must reflect activities of a public service nature contributing to the mission accomplishment of an Army element or to the welfare of Army personnel and the surrounding communities. Nominations must be for the entire family. Individuals cannot be addressed.

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Army Volunteer Corps Deadlines



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- **1 October, 1 January, 1 April, 1 July** – Volunteer of the Quarter/Month nominations due for Quarterly Excellence Breakfast recognition
- **31 Jan 18** – Ensure all volunteers have registered and submitted their hours to the AVCC
- **28 Feb 18** – All nomination forms are due
- **17 Mar 18** – All units/directorates/agencies utilizing volunteers submit a list of names (with correct spelling) for all who will receive the MCoE Volunteer Service Appreciation Certificate
- **26 Apr 18** – MCoE Volunteer Recognition Ceremony – Benning Club

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Fort Benning, GA, Volunteer Award Nomination Form

Part 1 – To be completed by nominator

1. Volunteer's Name – Last, First, MI	2. Organization (No Abbreviations)
3. Present Position/Title	4. Position Held During Period Covered in Nomination (if other than that shown in item #4)

5. Nominee's Address

Nominee's Email Address

Nominee's Phone Number- Home ()
Cell ()

6. Type of Award Recommended (All nominations will be justified and include required documentation)

<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Month (quarterly)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Volunteer of Excellence (annual)
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Quarter (quarterly)	<input type="checkbox"/> FRG Volunteer of Excellence (annual)
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Volunteer of the Quarter (quarterly)	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Organization of Excellence (annual)
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of Excellence (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/> FRG of Excellence (annual)
<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Volunteer of Excellence (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unit of Excellence (annual)
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Family of Excellence (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Volunteer of the Year (annual)
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Family of the Year (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/> Soldier Volunteer of the Year (annual)

7. Period of Service to be Recognized:

8. Nominator's Name and Title	9. Phone Number and email
10. Nominator's Signature	11. Date

Justification

12. Completely list the volunteer/unit/organization's quantitative and qualitative accomplishments. Also discuss the contributions/impact to your organization, Fort Benning, and the Army. Continue on additional pages if needed.

Part 2 – To be completed by approving official (Director, O-5 Commander/CSM or above)

13. Approving Official's Name and Title	14. Phone Number and email
15. Signature	16. Date

Part 3 – To be completed by the Army Volunteer Corps (AVC) Office

<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Registered with AVC and/or FRG Office/Volunteer Hours to Date: _____	
Nomination Received by:	Date:
Award Recommendation:	



MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM



The Volunteer of the Year Award is to recognize volunteers who provide outstanding volunteer service to the Army Community.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Each Brigade, Community Agency or Volunteer Agency can nominate one Army Volunteer for this award.
2. Complete nomination packet.
3. Digitally send nomination packet to Starla De Saussure by emailing starla.l.desaussure.civ@mail.mil or hand carry to Army Community Service, Building 7, Fort Benning, GA no later than 28 Feb.
4. Ensure nomination packet is signed and approved by the Brigade Commander, Civilian Director or Organization Head.
5. Incomplete nominations will be returned without action.

CRITERIA:

The volunteer being nominated must meet the following requirements in order to qualify for this award:

- Be a part of the Active-Duty, Retiree, Reserve, or National Guard Army Family
- Time period should cover 1 Jan – 31 Dec of the previous year
- Have at least 12 months left on station at Fort Benning
- Volunteer service must support the Army Community and Mission
- Volunteer Service must have made a significant impact on organization, project or community

Volunteer Nominee (please spell as you would like it to appear on the award):

Last Name _____ First Names (spaced by commas) _____

Telephone number: _____ (day) _____ (eve)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Agency or Brigade: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

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Volunteer Position(s) Held

Dates of Volunteerism

Explain the impact the nominee has had on the Army Community (list organization, project, etc):

What makes the accomplishment of this nominee more significant than all others?

List any relevant accomplishment, awards or honors that the nominee has achieved:

Describe the nominee's special skills, qualities, and/or leadership:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE VOLUNTEER FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM



The Family Volunteer of the Year Award is to recognize Families who provide outstanding volunteer service to the Army Community.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Each Brigade, Community Agency or Volunteer Agency can nominate one Army Volunteer Family for this award.
2. Complete nomination packet.
3. Digitally send nomination packet to Starla De Saussure @ starla.desaussure@us.army.mil or hand carry to Army Community Service, Bldg 7, Fort Benning, GA no later 28 Feb.
4. Ensure nomination packet is signed and approved by the Brigade Commander, Civilian Director or Organization Head.
5. Incomplete nominations will be returned without action.

CRITERIA:

The Family being nominated must meet the following requirements in order to qualify for this award:

- Be an Active-Duty, Retiree, Reserve, or National Guard Army Family
- Time period should cover 1 Jan – 31 Dec of the previous year
- Have at least 12 months left on station at Fort Benning
- Volunteer service must support the Army Community and Mission
- Volunteer Service must have made a significant impact on organization, project or community

PLEASE NOTE:

- Individual members of nominated Family cannot be nominated in a different category
- The Family that wins this award will represent Fort Benning in the AUSA Volunteer Family of the Year competition.

Volunteer Family Nominee (please spell as you would like it to appear on the award):

Last Name _____ First Names (spaced by commas) _____

Telephone number: _____ (day) _____ (eve)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Agency or Brigade: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE VOLUNTEER FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM



Volunteer Position(s) Held

Dates of Volunteerism

Explain the impact the nominee has had on the Army Community (list organization, project, etc):

What makes the accomplishment of this nominee more significant than all others?

List any relevant accomplishment, awards or honors that the nominee has achieved:

Describe the nominee's special skills, qualities, and/or leadership:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

**CATEGORIES AND NOMINATING CRITERIA FOR
MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

(1) Individual Volunteer Awards: Recognizes outstanding and distinguished support to the unit and/or Fort Benning community. Volunteer efforts must be significant in nature and produce tangible results. The written justification must reflect the level of service and the level of impact. Anyone with direct knowledge of the individual's volunteer services can make the nomination using enclosure entitled Fort Benning, GA Volunteer Award Nomination Form. Approval of the nomination is the organization's director, O-5 commander/CSM, or above. Once nomination forms are received and awards are assigned, no changes will be made. Individuals must be registered, hold a leadership position in the nominating organization, and have achieved a minimum of 500 (250 for Youth volunteers) documented volunteer hours (these hours may be a combined total contributed to more than one organization) in order to be nominated for any of the following five categories:

- (a) Volunteer of the Year
- (b) Soldier Volunteer of the Year
- (c) Volunteer of Excellence.
- (d) Family Readiness Group (FRG) Volunteer of Excellence.
- (e) Youth Volunteer of Excellence.
- (f) Retiree Volunteer of Excellence.
- (g) Retiree Volunteer of the Year

(2) Family/Organization Volunteer Awards:

(a) Volunteer Family of Excellence/Volunteer Family of the Year: Recognizes outstanding and distinguished volunteer accomplishments by an Army Family. Services must reflect activities of public service nature contributing to the mission accomplishment of an Army element or to the welfare of Army personnel. Services must reflect off-duty activities and must not be related to the official responsibilities/position(s) of the unit. Anyone with direct knowledge of the organization's volunteer accomplishments can make the nomination using enclosure entitled Fort Benning, GA Volunteer Award Nomination Form and enclosure entitled Maneuver Center of Excellence Volunteer of the Year Award Nomination Form. Approval for the nomination is the organization's director, O-5 commander/CSM, or above. Once nomination forms are received and awards are assigned, no changes will be made.

(b) Volunteer Organization of Excellence: Recognizes outstanding and distinguished accomplishments by a volunteer organization. Services must reflect activities of public service nature contributing to the mission accomplishment of an Army element or to the welfare of Army personnel. Services must reflect off-duty activities and must not be related to the official responsibilities/position(s) of the unit. Nominations must be for the entire group (individuals cannot be addressed). Anyone with direct knowledge of the organization's volunteer accomplishments can make the nomination. Approval for the nomination is the organization's director, O-5 commander/CSM, or above. Once nomination forms are received and awards are assigned, no changes will be made.

(c) Family Readiness Group (FRG) Volunteer of Excellence: Recognizes outstanding and distinguished accomplishments by a Family Readiness Group. Services must reflect activities of a public service nature contributing to the mission accomplishment of an Army element or to the welfare of Army personnel. Services must reflect off-duty activities and must not be related to the official responsibilities/position(s) of the unit. Nominations must be for the entire group (individuals cannot be addressed). Anyone with direct knowledge of the group's volunteer accomplishments can make the nomination. Approval for the nomination is the organization's director, O-5 commander/CSM, or above. Once nomination forms are received and awards are assigned, no changes will be made.

(d) Unit and Volunteer Organization of Excellence: Recognizes outstanding and distinguished accomplishments by a unit or volunteer organization. Services must reflect activities of a public service nature contributing to the mission accomplishment of an Army element or to the welfare of Army personnel.



Cupcake Challenge

for Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Are you up for a Cupcake Challenge?

Who - Active duty spouses and active duty

When - 19 October 2017 @ 1300

Where - ACS Auditorium, Bldg 7, 7117 Baltzell Ave

Why - To bring Awareness to Domestic Violence



Deadline for entry is 5 October



Challenge Rules:

Entries must include a message or theme to raise awareness

Each contestant will bring 2 dozen cupcakes, 3 for judging and the rest for tasting

Entries will be judged based on three attributes on a scale of 1-10:

1) taste 2) presentation 3) originality/creativity

Ingredients must be listed on entry form due to food allergies. If nuts are used in cupcakes or frostings, it must be noted and made clear to judges prior to tasting. (Entry form on back)

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 contestants.

For more information and to register call Family Advocacy at 706-626-2614 or 706-545-3202/7594 or visit Family Advocacy at 7131 Richardson Circle, building 36.

- Name: _____

- Number: _____

- Command: _____

- Name of Cupcake: _____

- Cake Ingredients:

- Frosting Ingredients: _____

Family Advocacy Program 2017



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Purple Ribbon Campaign

Date: 1 - 31 October 2017 **Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Stop by building 36, 7131 Richardson Circle, to pick up a lapel ribbon and wear it to help bring awareness of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and Candlelight Vigil

Date: 10 October 2017 **Time:** 5:30 p.m. Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Place: Walk begins at Country's on Broadway and ends at the Columbus Government Center (vigil).



Can you protect yourself?

A.S.E. Training

Avoid – Survive - Escape



Put your skills to the test!

Date: 13 October 2017

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: ACS Auditorium

We know your Family is #1, but

what about your cupcakes?

How creative can you get?

Bake your Cupcakes for a Cupcake Challenge
Prizes for all who enter. **Call 706-545-7594

Date: 19 October 2017

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: ACS Auditorium



Resources at your fingertips- Safety, Health and Education Fair

Various agencies will have displays and information available.

Date: 25 October 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Martin Army Hospital Atrium

FAP Safety Fair and EFMP Trunk or Treat

Nothing scary, just fun and merry!

Date: 26 October 2017

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Place: ACS Building 7 parking lot



To obtain more information call 706-545-7594, 706-545-3202 or 706-626-2614 or visit the Family Advocacy Program, building 36, 7131 Richardson Circle.



AVOID - SURVIVE - ESCAPE!

"A.S.E. TRAINING"

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

The ACS Family Advocacy Program offers
a Self Defense and Awareness Workshop!

You will learn situational awareness,
victimology, footwork, prevention, and
survival!

Learn your strength!

Your body is more capable than you think.

DON'T BE A VICTIM!



Join Fay Fountain,
Fort Benning's Chief of Police
Investigation in this two hour
self defense class and learn
how to kick back.



October 13, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.,
ACS Auditorium, Building 7, 7117 Baltzell Ave.
For more information call 706-545-3202 or 706-626-2614.

MARTIN ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Columbus Day Weekend Holiday Hours

In observance of both the training day on Friday 6 October and the federal holiday on Monday, 9 October 2017. Martin Army Community Hospital services are as follows:

All clinics will be open on Friday morning until 1130, 6 October and are closed on Monday, 9 October 2017 for the federal holiday, Columbus Day.

The After Hours Acute Care Clinic at North Columbus Medical Home is open from 1730 to 2000, on Friday, 6 October 2017. True emergencies, Eyesight, life or limb please present to the nearest emergency room. Future scheduled appointments can be made until 1130 on 6 October 2017. Appointments can be booked anytime online at www.tricareonline.com

Anytime clinics/departments are closed the Emergency Room is open 24/7.

Reminder – If you need care over the holiday weekend please call 1-888-TRICARE or the Nurse Advice Line 24/7 at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), Option 1
or

The Urgent Care Pilot started May 23, 2016 and will continue until May 23, 2019. Each enrollee may use (2) urgent care visits per fiscal year (October through September) without a referral or authorization. Point-of-service deductible and cost shares don't apply for the 2 visits. Applies to: TRICARE Prime enrollees (except active duty service members), TRICARE Prime Remote enrollees (including active duty service members), TRICARE Young Adult-Prime enrollees, TRICARE Prime Overseas and TRICARE Prime Remote Overseas enrollees but only when traveling stateside (there's no limit to the number of unauthorized urgent care visits).

Visit TRICARE Urgent Care Pilot Page <http://www.tricare.mil/urgentcarepilot> for full details.

Department of Pharmacy hours: 6 October 2017 (Friday): Main Pharmacy/Refill Pharmacy will be open 0800-1630 and 7 October (Saturday) - Refill pharmacy only will be open 0900-1300
9 October (Monday) – Columbus Day - All Pharmacies closed

Department of Radiology hours: 6 October 2017 - Open 0700-1130
9 October 2017- Closed

Department of Pathology hours (Outpatient LAB): 6 October 2017 - Open 0700-1230 and 9 October 2017 -Closed

Department of Warrior Care: All clinics will be open until 1130.
Winder - 7 Oct, Saturday sick call hours 0700-1100

*Winder TMC will only be for Soldiers in Training. Permanent party should ensure they make PCM appointments prior to 6 October.

9 October 2017 – All clinics are closed

TRICARE is Changing!

**As a result of the TRICARE Regional Contract changes there will be an
ENROLLMENT FREEZE December 1-22, 2017**

Beneficiary Referrals and Authorizations will be processed during freeze.

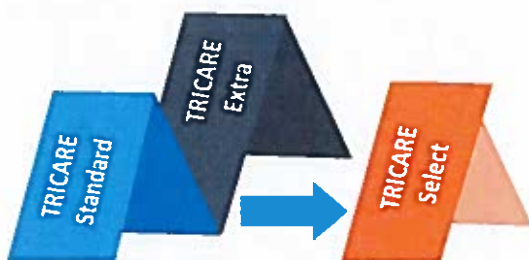
Beneficiaries can continue to update DEERS demographics but no enrollments or PCM changes will be processed from 1 – 22 December 2017.

***Note: If beneficiary has no previous eligibility or coverage, the MTF nor the MCSC will be able to verify eligibility during the freeze.

Moving to TRICARE Select

#takecommand

On Jan. 1, 2018, existing TRICARE Standard beneficiaries will be auto-enrolled in TRICARE Select.



- Preferred provider organization (PPO) style plan
- Replaces TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra
- New active duty family members will be auto-enrolled in TRICARE Select if they live outside of a Prime Service Area or overseas
- Changing to TRICARE Select will mean no decrease in coverage

Enrollment POCs	Phone
Mr. Ricky Story	762-408-2579
Ms. Vanessa Flonnory	762-408-2580
Ms. Denise Jones	762-408-2600
Ms. Angela Quillen	762-408-2590
Ms. Angela Stephens	762-408-2371
MAJ Matthew Moore	762-408-2375
MAJ Melinda Wallace	762-408-2475



Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, GA

Public Affairs Office Release 10-01-17

For Immediate Release:

2017-2018 Influenza Immunization Schedule and Facts

All TRICARE beneficiaries ages 3 and above are eligible to receive

Influenza Immunizations at one of the following events:

Tuesday, 10 October, 1400-1900, McBride Elementary School

Tuesday, 24 October, 1400-1900, Faith Middle School

Friday, 3 November, 1300-1600, Benning Conference Center

For more information please call Public Health Nursing at 762-408-1420

Walk In Immunization Clinic – No appointment needed!

All MEDDAC Enrolled Patients, 6 months and older

Please visit the Adult Primary Care Clinic, Upatoi Clinic, 1st Floor

Monday, 30 October – 15 December 2017 (Closed Veteran's Day, 10 Nov)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 0900-1630

Thursday 1030-1630

For more information please call the Information Desk 762-408-2604/2605

*October is
Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

Martin Army Community Hospital Mammography Department will be open for Saturday appointments every Saturday in October from 0800-1100!

**Call us today to schedule your Mammogram:
762-408-2079/2080**



The Villages of Benning

October Monthly Newsletter



Fort Benning . Columbus Centennial Year

It is the beginning of a historical milestone for Fort Benning and the city of Columbus, as October 1st marks the beginning of the centennial year for Fort Benning!

Fort Benning, established in 1918, was named after Henry L. Benning, a confederate general and judge on the Georgia Supreme Court. Better known as the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE), Fort Benning is the 6th largest military installation, as well as the installation with the 3rd largest troop density.

The Maneuver Center of Excellence, which encompasses both the Infantry and Armor Schools, includes approximately 10,810 permanent party military service members, approximately 23,355 family members and approximately 18,441 military trainees. Historically known as the intellectual center of the Maneuver Force, Fort Benning has a long tradition of Combined Arms and forward thinking, to include over 100 professional military courses.

Additionally, The Villages of Benning has preserved nearly 493 historic homes on the Fort Benning installation, dating back to 1934. We are honored that you have chosen The Villages of Benning as your home 100 years later! "Welcome Home" to an installation with 100 years of leadership experience and where #lifeisbetteratbenning.



-Alexandria Satterlund (Miller Loop)

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601 Lumpkin St.
Ft. Benning, GA
31905



Events are
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Twitter!

Maintenance Corner

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM LEAD IN YOUR HOME

The Villages of Benning is proud to have a number of historic homes included as part of its vast portfolio! Their history and intricate detail provide an amount of character and charm that are not often seen today. Historic homes, however, do come with “historic” problems and/or concerns, such as lead-based paint.



Did you know that many homes built prior to 1978 contain lead-based paint? While lead-based paint is typically not a hazard when in intact condition, it can pose potential health risks if not managed properly. For example, lead-containing paint chips and dust can form when lead-based paint deteriorates over time or if it is disturbed. In most cases, this occurs at/on friction surfaces when windows and/or doors are frequently opened or closed. Because of this, periodic cleaning and repair of painted surfaces is an important element of maintaining a historic home. If you have concerns regarding lead-based paint conditions in your home, please contact the Community Management Team right away.

WHERE CAN LEAD BE FOUND?

- In most buildings constructed prior to 1978, including single and multi-family housing, schools, childcare facilities, etc.
- Playgrounds, soil, yards
- Painted toys, furniture and jewelry
- Drinking Water

SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM LEAD HAZARDS:

- Keep painted surfaces clean and free of dust. Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner. Carefully clean up paint chips immediately without creating dust.
- Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads often during cleaning of dirty or dusty areas and again afterward.
- Wash your hands and your children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
- Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys and stuffed animals regularly.
- Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces, or eating soil.
- Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap.
- Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron and calcium, such as spinach and dairy products. Children with good diets absorb less lead.
- Consult your health care provider about testing your children for lead. Your pediatrician can check for lead with a simple blood test.

For additional information on Lead-Based Paint, refer to the Lead Warning Statement Addendum, as well as the EPA pamphlet entitled, “Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home.” These were provided at your lease signing; however, the pamphlet is also available via the link above, and both documents can be found online, at our community website, www.villagesofbenning.com. Additional information can also be found at www.epa.gov/lead.

REFERENCES:

- EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Upcoming Events

Fort Benning

Pooch Plunge

October 7th
@ Indianhead
12-2:00 PM




The Villages FALL FESTIVAL
4:30-6:30 PM

Across the Street from The Villages of Benning Welcome Center

Join The Villages of Benning for its Third Annual Fall Festival. Friday, October 20th, from 4:30-6:30 PM! The Fall Festival will be held on the field directly across from the Welcome Center, on Lumpkin Street, behind Dexter Elementary.

Hay Rides Treats Petting Zoo Games
Face Painting Trunk-or-Treat Prizes
Food & More!

October is Fire Safety Month!



Join Fort Benning's Fire Department for a Night of **Fire Safety**, including Information, Training and Ice Cream... Perfect for the Whole Family!



Tuesday, October 24th
McBraw Village Center
4-6:00 PM

RSVP to Hbearden@tmo.com

Porter Village



October 25th, 2017
5-8:30 PM
at Porter Village

*Held in conjunction with the Portersville Halloween Event.



Trick-or-Treating for Fort Benning will take place on **Tuesday, October 31st**, from **6-8:00 PM**.

Trick-or-Treating for Porter Village will take place on **Wednesday, October 25th**, from **7-9:00 PM**, after the Halloween Event.

Pick who's in YOUR Patch!

\$150 Resident Referrals

Happening Now!

*Contact your Management Office for Details.



Resident Reminders

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Decorate Today to be the Spookiest House in Your Village!!

- **1 Winner per Village**
- **Each Winner will receive a \$50 Gift Card**
- **Deadline: October 31st**



7.16 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS/OUTSIDE LIGHTING

Holiday lighting and decorations may be displayed during the month of or 15 days prior to the celebrated holiday, whichever is longer. All decorations are required to be removed 15 days after the occasion. Decorations which may be considered offensive to other residents and guests are prohibited. Any decorations operated by electricity are not authorized during daylight hours and must not be placed on roofs or roof gutters. The use of staples, nails, screws or other mechanical fasteners to attach decorations or lighting to the homes and associated structures are prohibited. Plastic clip-on hooks may be commercially obtained and used to attach decorative lighting, garlands, etc. Attachment of anything to vinyl siding is prohibited. Additionally, electrical decorations must be unplugged when residents are away from the home.

For additional information on holiday decorations, please refer to Section 7.16 of your Resident Responsibility Guide (RRG).

BULK TRASH

- Bulk Trash will take place the weeks of **October 9th-13th** and **October 23rd-27th**. It will coincide with the scheduled trash pick-up schedule below, with the exception of McGraw. All Bulk Trash for McGraw will take place on Monday.

WEEKLY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

- **Monday:** Indianhead, McGraw* (All of McGraw with the exception of the 5 streets scheduled for Tuesday)
- **Tuesday:** Lower Davis (Kawamura, Port, Fernandez), EMP (Austin Loop, Lower Baltzell, Eames, General Officer's Homes, Miller Loop, Norton, Perkins, Sigerfoos, Lumpkin), MacDonald, McGraw* (Seminole Loop, Baker, Arrowhead, Chickasaw, Kialegee Way)
- **Wednesday:** Custer
- **Thursday:** Bouton, Upper Davis (Hartsock, Langhorn, Lozada, Warren), EMP (Iron Triangle, Rainbow, White Elephants)
- **Friday:** Patton, Upatoi

TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is a highly anticipated holiday for kids (and adults) alike. For many people, Halloween marks the beginning of the autumn and winter holidays. In recent years, Halloween has been growing in popularity among adults, as well as kids. Whether going to a party or trick-or-treating with the kids, don't forget to think about safety. Below are some "Trick-or-Treating" Safety Guidelines for the whole family:

Trick-or-Treating Guidelines

- If you are the designated adult "candy dispenser," be sure to turn on all porch and exterior house lights so that trick-or-treaters can see where they are going.
- Map out a safe neighborhood route for your children to follow.
- For children 13 years of age and under, have an adult accompany them while trick-or-treating.
- Warn children to never go inside a home.
- Reinforce traffic safety rules with your children, including looking both ways before crossing the street.
- Ensure costumes are easily visible at night and/or in the dark.
- Be sure to have fully charged cell phones or walkie-talkies in the event of an emergency.
- When possible, try to avoid wearing masks; opt for face-paint/make-up instead.

Mayor's Corner

BENNING WEATHERED THE STORM:

- As anticipated, Fort Benning experienced inclement weather due to Hurricane Irma. The Villages of Benning was well prepared and was able to communicate to all residents throughout the duration of the storm. Preparations started days prior to the storm, and residents were offered helpful tips to help prevent property damage and personal injury. Staff members delivered tarps to homes that typically experience flooding in their basements and sand bags were also available.
- As a team, Fort Benning Garrison and The Villages of Benning met to discuss emergency response procedures in anticipation of major damages. In addition, information was posted on both the Garrison Facebook page and The Villages of Benning page with up-to-date information pertaining to the storm.
- We are pleased to announce that there was no major structural damage. We experienced 3 trees down and approximately 100 work orders, the majority of which were due to roof leaks. There were a few reports of water intrusion and two areas lost power, which was restored quickly.
- A big KUDOS goes out to The Villages of Benning staff. Maintenance technicians were onsite during the storm and responded as needed. Community Managers and Maintenance Supervisors were also prepared to assist and respond. Additional supplies were purchased, such as tarps, shop vacs, and utility pumps. The Villages of Benning staff reported Tuesday morning, walked all vacant homes to ensure they were not damaged, tracked all work orders submitted due to the storm, and made contact with the residents affected. Vendors were contacted and a plan of action is being prepared to ensure work orders are completed in a timely manner.
- We would also like to thank DPW, as they supplied over 1,000 sandbags, 200 of which The Villages of Benning delivered, for residents to pick up as needed. A BIG thank you also goes out to Mainscape, who began cleaning/clearing drains near basement entrances, driveways and yard drains upon receiving news of the storm. They were prepared to provide a reaction crew with vehicles and equipment to assist with storm damage clean-up if necessary. The Mainscape crew arrived early Tuesday morning, clearing debris, cutting and stacking limbs.

RETENTION OF QUARTERS AND CIVILIAN LEASES

- The Villages of Benning has recently reached an occupancy level of 90%. This is a huge accomplishment attributed to great teamwork! Increased occupancy, however, does create a new set of challenges. Due to the demand for incoming service members being greater than the number of available units in most neighborhoods, The Villages of Benning is no longer able to accept new applications from Retirees and/or DoD/Federal Agency civilians. Additionally, The Villages of Benning will no longer be accepting new Retention of Quarters (ROQ) requests at this time. This includes new requests, as well as, extensions on current requests.

HOUSE NUMBER PLAQUES:

- We are pleased to announce that The Villages of Benning will install house number plaques on all homes located in Upatoi, McGraw and Patton Village. Work is scheduled to begin this month. This is a large project and will take some time; however, we will keep all residents updated on the status of the work.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS:

- The holidays are right around the corner, and we would like to advise residents that Columbus Water Works plans to flow-test fire hydrants around the Christmas and New Year Holiday. This will allow CWW to take advantage of the residential areas being sparsely populated. In the past, this has taken approximately two months to work the entire installation. The Villages of Benning will distribute information as it is received to include location of flushing and steps for residents to take should they experience brown water.

Employee of the Month:

"Together, Everyone Achieves More."

The Villages of Benning is honored to introduce the the Accounting Team, Rodney Ransom and Jamie Lisane, as October's Employees of the Month.

Being the sole accountants for 4001 homes, Rodney and Jamie are both vital members of The Villages of Benning Team!

Jamie began working at The Villages of Benning in October 2010, where she began her career as a Resident Relations Specialist. Since then, Jamie has gained the experience of working in several different departments, and currently holds the position of Junior Accountant for the entire project.

Rodney, who began his career with The Villages of Benning in 2006, began in the bookkeeping department as the Junior Accountant and has since become the team's Senior Accountant. Valued by the team for his hard work and dedication, Rodney was nominated as the "Most Valuable Player" (MVP), by his teammates, for 2016.

Together, Rodney and Jamie are a dynamic team, best known for their teamwork, willingness to help and communication.

Outside of work, Jamie enjoys reading, event planning, family and travel. Rodney enjoys spending time with his daughter, reading, movies and sports.

Thank you, Rodney and Jamie, for all that you do! We are lucky to have you both as valued members of our team!

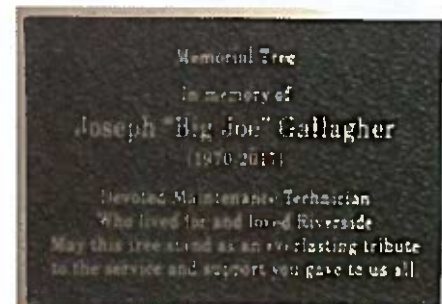


Gone, but Not Forgotten...

Recently, Michaels Management Services lost one of its' finest Maintenance Technicians, Joe Gallagher. Joe, also known as "Big Joe," passed away on Sunday, June 4th, 2017. He worked for The Villages of Benning, as a Maintenance Technician, for East Main Post, since December 2005.

Joe Gallagher was not only a Maintenance Technician for the East Main Post Village, but he was also the sole boom operator for the project and was the only maintenance technician to service Riverside, Fort Benning's General's Quarters, for the past ten years. Always smiling, Joe was devoted to his job and took great pride in maintaining and servicing Riverside. He was dedicated to helping Village Residents, and through his dedication and work ethic, he left behind a lasting impression on both co-workers and residents.

In his honor, The Villages of Benning and fort Benning will place a memorial plaque on the lawn of Riverside to memorialize his devotion and dedication. Although he has gone too soon, his dedication to Riverside, as well as his legacy, will carry on.



THE VILLAGES OF BENNING COMMUNITY DIRECTORY:



Welcome Center

Director: *Kathy Barry* 706-685-3939

Indianhead Village

Manager: *Keri Parsons* 706-685-3933

McGraw Village

Manager: *Cyndi Silva* 706-685-3935

Patton Village

Manager: *Connie Grafton* 706-610-5500

Custer & Upatoi Village

Manager: *Alyssa Bell* 706-685-3930

Davis & Bouton Village

Manager: *Keri Parsons* 706-685-3940

East Main Post

Manager: *Candy Miles* 706-685-3925

24-Hr. Maintenance

RCI: 706-685-3929

RCI: 706-545-8119



For additional events on the installation, such as Oktoberfest and the upcoming Fort Benning Centennial New Year's Eve Gala, visit MWR's website:

benning.armymwr.com



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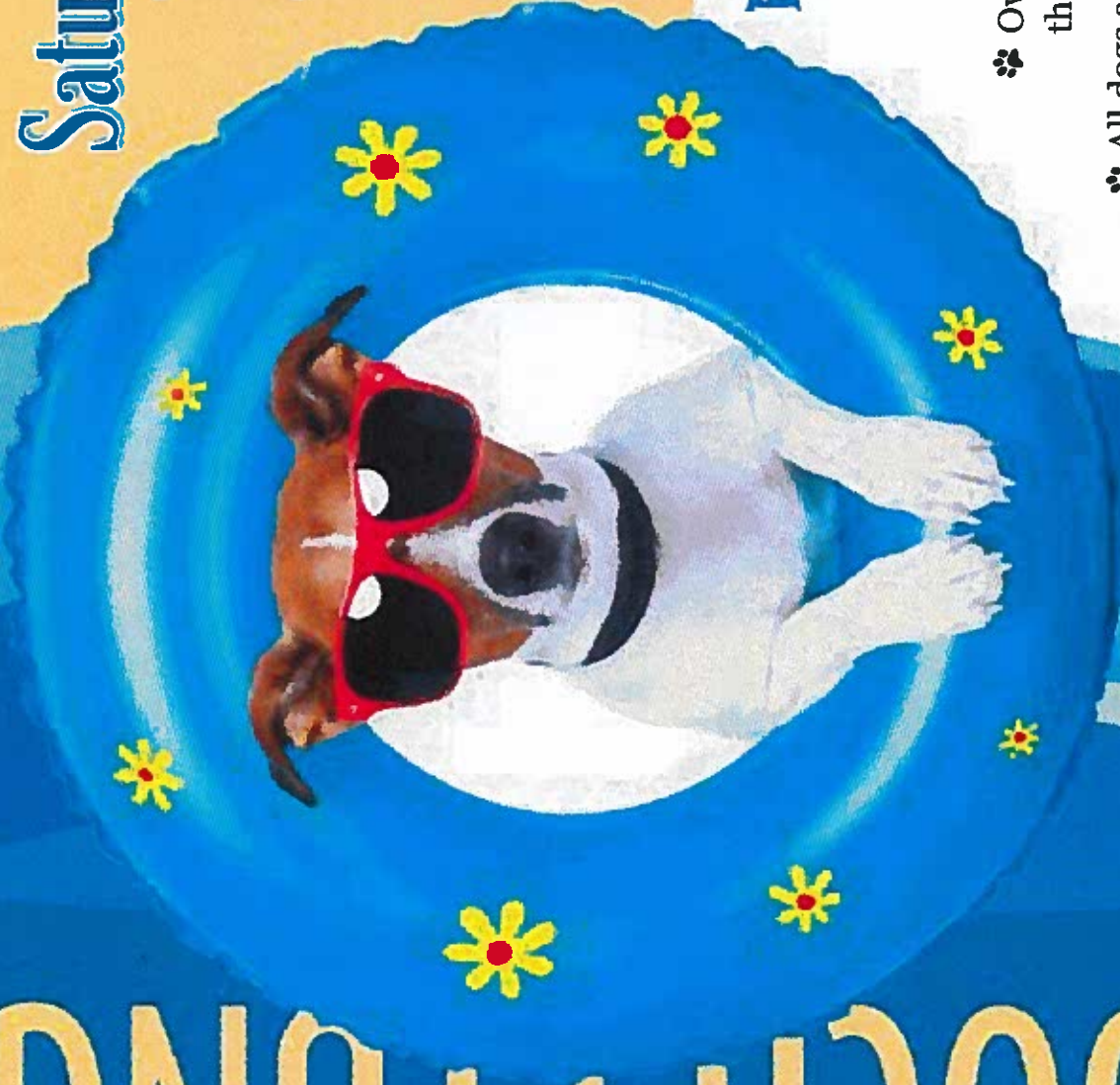
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8	Columbus Day- Offices Closed	9	10	11	Help the Hooch 8 AM-12 PM	12
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MWR's Oktoberfest (Uchee Creek)	Bulk Trash Bulk Trash Bulk Trash Bulk Trash Bulk Trash					MWR's Postwide Yard Sale 8 AM- 2 PM
22	23	Fire & Ice- McGraw Village 4-6 PM	24	25	EFMP- Trunk-or- Treat (ACS) 5:30-7:30 PM	26
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29	30	Happy Halloween (Trick-or-Treating 6-8 PM)	31			

POOCH PLUNGE

Although Pool Season has come to an end, we invite you to bring your Pooches to the Pool for a Doggy Dip!!

Saturday, October 7th
Indianhead
Village

12-2:00 PM



PLEASE, REMEMBER...

- ❧ All pets must be registered with your Management Office and Fort Benning.
- ❧ Owners are responsible for picking up after their pets.
- ❧ All dogs are required to be on a leash outside of the pool area.
- ❧ The pool is not open for children and/or adults— Pooches Only!



CARE MEETING BRIEFING

OCTOBER 3, 2017

Defense Commissary Agency



Defense Commissary Agency

Columbus Day Hours 0900-1700

Employment Opportunities

USA.jobs – Sales Store Checker DECA-17-22-10048552-DE; Store Worker DECA-17-22-10049651-DE. They opened on 18 September 2017 and will close on 10 October 2017.

Executive Order 13473 - Provides employment opportunities for individuals who are married to service members serving on active duty who has order specifying a permanent change of station (not for training), are a spouse of a 100 percent disabled service member injured while on active duty; or are the un-remarried widow of a service member who was killed while performing active duty.

Commissaries to begin accepting the MILITARY STAR card. MILITARY STAR card benefits are being expanded for cardholders beginning at the Fort Benning Commissary on 23 October 2017, to include Commissary purchases.



COMMISSARY UPGRADE PROJECT

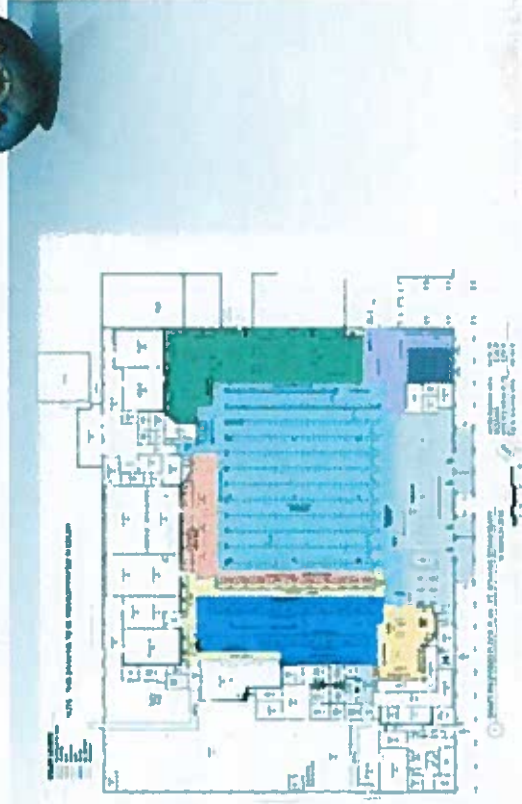
➤ Project Cost: \$9,130,100.00



Existing Ft Benning, GA



Proposed Ft Benning, GA



Existing Ft Benning, GA



K-5 Store
Annual Sales - \$67.6M
Gross SF - 108,143
Sales Area SF - 62,306
Last Renovation - 1996



Fort Benning Commissary EXPRESSLINE

OCTOBER 2017

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Get ready for the holidays

Commissaries ready for Halloween, Thanksgiving and more

October marks the unofficial start of the holiday season for commissary customers who reap the benefits of Halloween and Thanksgiving promotions, giveaways and more in the coming months.

"Whether it is celebrating Oktoberfest with friends or

saluting friends and families from afar with a plump, roasted turkey, your commissary is here for you with extra savings and great ways to enhance your commissary benefit," said Tracie Russ, DeCA sales director.

Check out the [news release](#) on our website at www.commissaries.com to find out more.



See [what's on sale](#) before you shop . . . Privilege confirmation required to see sale prices.

Get more from your commissary benefit

Rewards card makes couponing easy

Don't forget that with your Commissary Rewards Card you can redeem coupons electronically at your commissary checkout.

After you pick up your card at your store, just register it online and log in to your account to load coupons on the card before you shop.



There's also a mobile app which allows you to load coupons while you shop. Find out more at our web site at [Rewards Card](#).

Staying informed about food-safety-related recalls can be a full-time job. Thanks to [Commissaries.com](#), it's just a couple of clicks away. Click [Stay Informed](#) for alerts on products sold in commissaries or on [All Recalls](#) from the FDA.

PHONE Numbers

Store Director
Terry.ford@deca.mil
706-544-3965 x3351

Dept.	Ext.	Dept.	Ext.
Customer Service	3325	Produce	3338
Asst. Store Dir.	3307	Meat	3341
Grocery	3320	Secretary	3305

STORE Hours

Sun: 1000-1900 Wed: 1000-2100
Mon: 1000-2100 Thur: 0900-2100
Tue: 1000-2100 Fri: 0900-2100
Sat: 0900-1900
Early Bird: Mon-Wed 0700-1000
Shopping: Thur-Sat 0700-0900



Apples are in season

Stewed apples and Schnitzel just go together

You can't go wrong eating more fruits and vegetables for good health and our "[Thinking Outside the Box](#)" recipe for [pork schnitzel](#) with parmesan noodles and stewed apples is a delicious way to do that. Your commissary's produce department has plenty of apples to choose from for this dish.



Store Director's Scoop

Upcoming Holiday Hours:

COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 9th

Store Hours 0900-1700



**IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!
TIME FOR PARTIES AND
TAILGATING.....**

The Produce Department has all the goodness of fresh fruits and vegetable platters. A 48-hour notice is greatly appreciated.

Contact the Meat Department to place your order for special cuts, and special orders. A 24-hour notice is greatly appreciated.

Our Deli Bakery Department is here to help you with your party trays such as chicken tenders, wings, mini subs, meat and cheese, and cubed cheese. They also have decorated football cakes.



Commissaries to begin accepting the MILITARY STAR card. MILITARY STAR card benefits are being expanded for cardholders beginning at the Fort Benning Commissary on 23 October 2017, to include Commissary purchases.



YOUR COMMISSARY ...

It's Worth the Trip!

Halloween Candy?

Yes! For those folks that just can't wait for the candy corn and the candy spiders and eyeballs, well, you're in luck. Stop by and stock up early. Take all that candy home, eat it, then come back and get some more!



We Need You!

All current DeCA job openings are posted on USAJOBS. You can access them by going to the website at www.usajobs.gov



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Fort Benning, GA 31905



What's sweeter than candy?

The news of Jesus!

Spread the good News!

October 31st

3 - 5 PM

Main Post Chapel

PWOC is teaming up with the Chapel community for **Trunk or Treat**
Come decorate your trunk, help pass out candy, or sponsor a game!

To sign up or more info contact

Sarah Beaman at ambrightsider@yahoo.com

Can't make it? Help by
donating candy!





Service Academy Information Day

Hosted By

Muscogee County School District
Student Services Division

For High School Students, Parents and Educators

Learn about

The United States Service Academies

Featuring

Mr. Lance Hoffman, Academy Liaison

For more information, contact
Dr. Trikella Nelson 706-748-2226

Muscogee County Public Education Center
2960 Macon Road
Columbus, GA 31906
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
6:00PM—7:30PM



Exceptional Family Member Program

October 2017

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7 Cotton
Pickin' Fair
7-8 October
8:00-5:00PM
Gay, Georgia
706-538-6814



5 VIP Time
Launch
Trampoline
6:00-8:00PM
706-221-8680

4 CANCELLED
Newcomer's
See you next
week!

3 { C.A.R.E.
Meeting
ACS Aud.
10:30AM }

2 Disability
Service Center
at EFMP
Support Group
11:00-12:00
ACS AUD
706-545-2679



14 CVDSA
Buddy
Walk
11:00-2:00
At TSYS

13 A.S.E.
Avoid-Survive
-Escape!
Come to ACS
Bldg. 7 1:30pm
706-626-2614

12 EFMP
Resource
Table
at MACH 11am
Stop by and
see us!

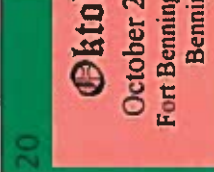
11 8:30 Breakfast
Newcomer's
Orientation
9:00-11:00
ACS Aud.
Spouses Welcome

10 EFMP System
Navigation
Brief
9:00-10:00
Aleida Brown
706-545-6545

9 Office Closed
Columbus Day



21 Oktoberfest
October 20-22, 2017
Fort Benning Uchee Creek
BenningMWR



19 8:30 Breakfast
Newcomer's
Orientation
9:00-11:00
ACS Aud.
Spouses Welcome

18 8:30 Breakfast
Newcomer's
Orientation
9:00-11:00
ACS Aud.
Spouses Welcome

17 EFMP Respite
Care Brief
10:00-11:00
Renee
Richardson
706-545-5521

16 EDIS
ICC Meeting
10:00-11:00am
Baugh Conf.
Rm MACH
Parents Welcome



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25 8:30 Breakfast
Newcomer's
Orientation
9:00-11:00
ACS Aud.
Spouses Welcome

24 Adult
Crafters
@North Co's
Library
4:00-5:30
706-748-2855

23 Update
EFM Summary
at
MEDDAC EFMP
762-408-2423
1st Fl. MACH



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Diversability
October | Disability Awareness Month

TRUNK or TREAT
AND FAP SAFETY FAIR
OCTOBER 26 | 5:30-7:30 PM
ACS, BLDG 7 PARKING LOT
Join us for games, bounce house, face painting, food and much more.
Open to EFMP registered families only.
For more info, call 706-545-6545 x2079.

Exceptional Family Member Program
Bldg. 7-Patch Hall
7117 Baltzell Ave
706-545-6545/2679/5521
MEDDAC EFMP:
762-408-2423
The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, community support and personnel services to Families with special needs.





EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM

TRUNK *or* TREE

AND FAP SAFETY FAIR

OCTOBER 26 | 5:30-7:30P
ACS, BLDG 7 PARKING LOT

Join us for games, bounce house, face painting, food and much more!
Open to EFMP registered Families only.
For more info, call 706-545-6545/2679.

The Fort Benning Education Center presents:

Career Skills Program Workshop

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Time of event: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Lunch will be provided)
Location: Ft. Benning Education Center
8150 Marne Road
Classroom 1334

Join us to learn more about Career Skills Programs!

You will have the opportunity to attend briefings throughout the day to learn more about the Career Skills Programs here at Fort Benning.

- 1000 Career Skills Overview
- 1030 Columbus Technical College (Advanced Manufacturing)
- 1100 Microsoft & Software Systems Academy (Cloud Application Developer)
- 1130 Marco's Pizza (General Manager to Franchise Ownership)
- 1230 Airstreams Renewables Inc. (Tower Technician Program)
- 1300 Georgia Tech VET2 (Lean Six-Sigma & Supply Chain Project Management)
- 1330 Troops into Transportation (Commercial Driver's License Training)

Register on our Career Skills Program Website!!

For more information, contact:

Ms. Gossett @ 706.545.2831 or yolanda.s.gossett.ctr@mail.mil or
Mr. Bremer @ 706.545.2119 or ralph.t.bremer.civ@mail.mil

Visit our Career Skills Program Website!

<https://www.benning.army.mil/Carrison/DHR/SFL-TAP/CSP.html>



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**14-15 November 2017
(Tuesday-Wednesday)
0830-1500**

**8150 Marne Road, Bldg. 9230
Soldier for Life Center
Army Education Center
National Test Center - Rm. 1383**

***Walk-ins are welcome, no appointment
needed.**

Helpful Information

Pricing

- ⇒ Free for Active Duty Service Members
- ⇒ \$85 for Civilians (pay via credit or debit card)

Study Tips

For study tools and practice tests, visit:

- ⇒ clep.collegeboard.org
- ⇒ www.nelnetsolutions.com/army
- ⇒ getcollegecredit.com

**Attend an Information Session on Wednesday, October 11th
or Thursday, October 12th @ 0900 and 1400 in the SFL
Auditorium.**

Call 706-660-2318 or 706-545-7397 for more information.

Employer Resources

- o **FREE** Connection Events



- o **FREE** Hiring Events
- o **FREE** career announcement posting to our website
- o **FREE** Worldwide access to Soldiers in Transition
- o **FREE** Employer Tours



- o **FREE** Dedicated hiring events
- o **FREE** Information sessions



Contact SFL-TAP to schedule

Contact

Information:

<https://www.sfl-tap.army.mil>



Home Page



Career Page

Fort Benning SFL-TAP:
706-545-2308/2309

Fort Benning SFL-TAP
Manager:
706-545-6014

Fort Benning SFL-TAP
Specialist
706-545-8020/4373

Fort Benning ACES Career
Skills Installation Manager:
706-545-3489



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Helping Soldiers Find Civilian Employment

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Career Skill Programs

Career Skills Programs (CSP): are any career or technical training, or work experience in related occupations undertaken to facilitate transition into private sector jobs and careers. CSPs provide the networking and connecting functions that are essential to successful employment and rewarding careers.

Become a Career Skill Provider



Step 1: Contact the CSP Installation Manager for sample packet
Step 2: Submit Formal Request to CSP Installation Manager with the following:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Training Requirements Fort Benning needs to provide.
3. List of benefits that training will provide to Soldiers and Fort Benning

Step 3: CSP Installation Manager will analyze the proposal

Step 4: CSP Installation Manager will provide determination

Credentialing: the process of meeting certain professional and technical standards and earning official recognition in the form of certificates, licensure, and other official verification of competency accepted by civilian industry or federal, state or local authorities.

Apprenticeship: Pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship programs must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be registered with U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and/or a State Apprenticeship Agency in the state in which it operates.
- <http://www.doleta.gov/oa/stateagencies.com>
- Be an "Education and Job Training Program" approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- <http://www.nasaa-vetseducation.com/>
- Be a certificate program accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). <http://tinyurl.com/n4r9iv>
- Be accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- <http://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>.



Internship Internships may be completed in federal, state, or local government, or in the private sector consisting of OJT and work-experience at entry level positions.

On the Job Training (OJT) program must meet at least one of the following Criteria

- Be an "Education and Job Training Program" approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). <http://www.nasaa-vetseducation.com/>
- Be a training program accredited by the Council on Occupational Education Programs www.council.org/accreditedinstitutions
- Be a certificate program accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
- Be accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. <http://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>



Job Shadowing is a work experience option where individuals observe the day-to-day activities of someone in the current workforce

- Performed in one day by observing the day-to-day operations of the employer workforce.
- No participation limit to the number of job shadowing opportunities in which Soldiers may participate

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CLASS & EVENTS SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

Employment Readiness

Job Strategy Workshop

September 12, 9 am-12 pm
October 17, 9 am-12 pm
ACS Training Room, Bldg 7

Resume/Federal Resume Class

September 20, 9 am-12 pm
October 19, 9 am-12 pm
ACS Training Room, Bldg 7

10 Steps to a Federal Job

September 19, 9 am-12 pm
October 10, 9 am-12 pm
ACS Training Room, Bldg 7

Interviewing Skills

September 26, 9 am-11 am
ACS Training Room, Bldg 7

Relocation Readiness

Newcomer's Orientation

Every Wednesday
September 6, 13, 20, 27, 9-11 am
October 4, 11, 18, 25, 9-11 am
ACS Auditorium, Building 7
Soldiers & Spouses Welcome!

PCS/Overseas Briefing

Fourth Thursday of the Month
September 28, 8:30-11 am
October 26, 8:30-11 am
ACS Auditorium, Bldg 7

Sponsorship Training

Every Wednesday
September 6, 13, 20, 27, 1-2 pm
October 4, 11, 18, 25, 1-2 pm
ACS Auditorium, Bldg 7

Citizenship & Immigration Services

Every Thursday
Sept 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:30 - 4 pm
Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, 2:30 - 4 pm
Please call for an Appointment:
706-545-4485

Financial Readiness

Budgeting

Every Monday, 8:15-9:30 am
ACS Bldg 7
(No class on Federal Holidays)

Checking Account Management

Every Monday, 9:30-10:30 am
ACS Bldg 7
(No class on Federal Holidays)

Home Buying Seminar

September 14, 1-3 pm
ACS Training Room, Bldg. 7
* Please call to register

Mobilization, Deployment & SSO

Key Contact Training

September 13, 9 am-12 pm,
ACS, Bldg 359
October 5, 9 am-12 pm
ACS Training Room, Bldg 7

Informal Funds Training

September 14, 9 am - 12 pm
ACS Training Room, Bldg 7

FRG Leader Training

October 11, 9 am - 3 pm
ACS, Bldg 359

Command Team Training

October 18, 9 am - 12 pm
ACS, Bldg 359

Care Team Training

October 24, 9 am - 12 pm
ACS, Bldg. 359

Community Activities Resource Exchange (CARE)

September 7, 10:30-11:45 am
October 3, 10:30-11:45 am
ACS Auditorium, Bldg 7

Army Family Team Building Level K

September 6-7, 9 am-3pm
October 4-5, 9 am-3 pm
Building 359 Classroom
* Registration Required

Spouse Leadership Seminar

September 25-29, 9 am-3 pm
McGinnis-Wickam Hall
** Registration Required

Exceptional Family Member Program

Parent Workshop: Parental Rights in Special Education
September 14, 12 - 2 pm
ACS Auditorium, Bldg 7

EFMP Brushes & Beverages

Adult Social
Columbus, GA
** Advanced Resistration
REQUIRED: 706-545-5521/2679

EFMP Resource Sharing Support Group

October 2, 11 am - 12 pm
ACS Auditorium, Bldg 7

EFMP Resource Table

October 12, 11 am - 1 pm
Martin Army Community Hospital

EFMP Trunk or Treat & FAP Safety Fair

October 26, 5:30-7:30 pm
ACS, Bldg. 7 Parking Lot (ACS Auditorium in the event of inclement weather.)

Family Advocacy

New Parent Support Program

Building 2652
6980 Dixie Road

NPSP Presents Pet Safety: Staff from PAWS Humane will present pet safety for Families with children ages 0-3. Each Family will be presented with pet safety items and a free book. September 7, 9:30 - 11 am

Parent to Parent Storytime
September 21, 9:30 - 11 am
October 19, 9:30 - 11 am

UGA Food and Nutrition Program,
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 10-11:30 am
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 10 - 11:30 am

NPSP Fire Safety: The Fort Benning Fire Department will provide education and a demonstration regarding fire safety in the home for children ages 0-3. Each family will take home fire safety items and a free book. October 5, 9:30 - 11 am

Nurturing America's Military Families: Discipline With Dignity
September 11, 18, 25, 9-11 am
October 2, 16, 23, 9-11 am

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Purple Ribbon Campaign

Stop by FAP, Bldg 36, Richardson Circle to pick up a purple ribbon and wear it to help promote awareness of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and Candlelight Vigil

October 10, 5:30 pm, Vigil at 6 pm
Walk begins at Country's on Broadway and ends at Columbus Government Center (vigil)

A.S.E. (Avoid—Survive—Escape) Training

October 13, 1:30 pm
ACS Auditorium, Bldg. 7

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Cupcake Challenge

October 19, 1:00 pm
ACS Auditorium, Bldg 7
*Deadline for entry is October 5 by calling 706-626-2614 or 706-545-3202/7594 or by visiting Family Advocacy in Building 36, Richardson Circle

Safety, Health, & Education Fair

October 25, 11 am - 1 pm
Martin Army Hospital Atrium



7117 Baltzell Avenue, Bldg 7
706-545-4043/7517
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

What is Santa's Castle and what does the Ft. Benning Santa's Castle do for our Soldiers' Families?

- Santa's Castle has been serving the Fort Benning area since 1986, as a non-profit organization. It is run entirely by volunteers whose goal is to provide toys for children of Fort Benning Soldiers, who because of financial difficulties would otherwise not have toys at Christmas
- Each child receives approximately \$125 worth of toys (two silver and one gold), a stuffed animal, stocking stuffers, and one book. Additionally, each family receives wrapping paper or Christmas cards, and one board game to promote family bonding.
- We provide safe, quality toys to children age birth to 18 years.
- In 2016, Santa's Castle provided toys for: approx 700 children from 290 families.
- As the years pass, our numbers continue to grow.

How and When does the Referral Process begin?

- Leaders of every unit on Fort Benning are asked to submit the names of those they believe are in need for the upcoming holiday season.
- Soldiers are then scheduled a time to shop for their children at Santa's Castle and a shopping pass will be e-mailed to each soldier the week of November 13, 2017.
- Shopping days will be December 5-7, 2017.
- Steps of the Referral Process
 - A copy of the application will be given to you today, please feel free to make copies. You may also request an application to be emailed to you.
 - When you sign-in be sure to print your email clearly.
 - We request that each Unit have one POC collect all applications and submit them to Santa's Castle. We recommend that you make a copy for your records before submitting them to Santa's Castle.
 - All applications must be signed by one of the following:
 - BN Commander or BN CSM
 - Company Commander or 1SG

- **Single income or deployment DOES NOT constitute a valid reason.**
- **If you refer a person to come to the castle and the person has shopped at the castle for 2 consecutive previous years we will request that you provide statements and proof that they have received financial counseling and are in need of Santa's Castle due to extreme circumstances**
- **Do not submit names if you do not have any qualifying Soldiers in your unit.**
- **Be sure to disclose if applicant is dual military.**

How can I help the Soldiers and their families participate in this program?

- **Share this information with your organization ASAP.**
- **Manage the selection process and submit the applications before the deadline.**
- **Maintain copies of all submitted applications for five years.**

Thank you in advance for your help!

Spread the word!!

Santa's Castle is now a part of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)! The 2017 campaign year is getting ready to start in September and you can show your support by electing to give to Santa's Castle at code 23238. Santa's Castle is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing children in need Christmas presents since 1986.

2017 Santa's Castle Shopping Application

Santa's Castle is for Soldiers suffering financial hardship who cannot provide toys for their child(ren) at Christmas. It is **NOT** intended as a supplement.

APPLICANT: This section to be filled out by the Soldier applying for use of Santa's Castle.
Please print: Incomplete or illegible applications will **NOT** be processed.

Name Last: _____ First: _____ MI: _____ Rank: _____

Brigade: _____ Battalion: _____ Company/Troop: _____

Unit Phone: _____

Do you live on Post? _____ Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ (If approved, the shopping pass will be emailed to this address)

Spouse's Name: _____ Dual Military? _____ Rank: _____

Spouse's Employer/Unit: _____ Phone: _____

Children: Legal dependents 18 years & younger living in your household. These dependants must be enrolled in DEERS under the applicant's SSN. A copy of the Soldier's DEERS statement must be attached to this application. If additional space is required, use the back

Child's Name	Age		
1. _____	M F	4. _____	M F
2. _____	M F	5. _____	M F
3. _____	M F	6. _____	M F

REQUIRED EXPLANATION OF FINANCIAL NEED. PLEASE BE SPECIFIC – IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE USE THE BACK. (For example, emergency medical/dental bills, unexpected PCS move expenses, unexpected car/home repair, death in the Family, wage garnishment/no pay due.***Deployment is NOT justification for assistance.)

Have you shopped at Santa's Castle before? _____ Where? _____ Year? _____

Is the soldier currently or recently deployed? Y N Dates of deployment _____

Name of direct supervisor: _____ Phone # _____

Shopping Time that I prefer: (please circle) 0900-1300 or 1700-2000

I believe that I meet the guidelines provided by Santa's Castle. I will shop at the designated appointment time. I understand that my spouse may shop on my behalf with the appointment slip and a Dependent Military ID card. I understand that if my application is approved, the shopping pass (which will include the shopping time and date) will be sent to the email address provided. I understand that a single family income does not automatically justify receipt or services from Santa's Castle.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Application must be signed by one of the following:

Name of the 1SG OR Company Commander: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Signature of 1SG OR Company Commander: _____

FOR USE BY SANTA'S CASTLE:

APPROVED: _____ DECLINED Why: _____

Date/Time for Appointment: _____ SC Rep. Initials: _____



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**Monday's, Tuesday's, Thursday's and Friday's, the ID Card
facility will be opened from 0730 -1630. Wednesday's 0730-
1530 (closed for training 1530-1630).**

APPOINTMENT LINE

(706) 545-4068 706-545-9085

ONLINE APPOINTMENTS:

<https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>

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