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ATTENTION OF
IMBE-MWA (608)

7 March 2019

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

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

1. Subject minutes are approved/~~disapproved~~.
2. Point of contact for this action is Jessica Horton, DFMWR, ACS, Army Volunteer Corp Program Manager, 706-545-3016.

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ALVIN D. GELINEAU
Director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

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1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 0930 on 5 Mar 19 at Army Community Service, Building 7.

2. Membership Present or Represented:

COL Clinton W. Cox
LTC Josh McCully
COL Larry McCord
Joe Gandara
Terry Ford
Don Sydlík

Garrison Commander
Chief, Department of Emergency Services (DES)
Commander, MEDDAC
Community Director, Villages of Benning
Store Manager, Defense Commissary Activity
General Manager, Army and Air Force
Exchange Services

CH Dawud Agbere
Alvin D. Gelineau

MCoE and Garrison Chaplain
Director of Family and MWR

3. The CARE panel and briefers provide valuable information for leaders to take back and share with unit members. The panel and briefers are available after the meeting to answer questions. Topic for this month's CARE meeting is Transition Services.

4. Community Forum

a. Veterans Affairs (VA) – Mr. Tony Hobbs from Evoke Consulting explained he and his team are VA Benefits Advisors. Service Members attend a 6-hour brief on VA benefits, including education, healthcare, disability compensation, home buying, and potential homelessness. They work in the Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) building 9230. Office hours are 0800-1630. For more information, please call 706-545-2308/2309.

b. Georgia Department of Labor (DOL) – Mr. Maurice Marshall is a veteran employment representative for the GA DOL, which helps transition veterans for Georgia employment. Their focus is on Soldiers 180 days from transition, low income, disabled, and potentially homeless veterans. He strongly encourages veterans interested in employment to register on the GA DOL website, www.employgeorgia.com. They are located at 700 Veterans Parkway. For more information, please call 706-321-2609.

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c. Department of Human Resources, Retirement Services (DHR RS) – Ms. Verna Clemons briefed the importance of Spouse engagement in the retirement process. DHR offers two retirement briefs a month: 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday. The brief begins at 0930 but Spouses are encouraged to attend at 1300. Please see slides for additional information on the Survivor Benefit Program. For more information, call 706-545-1805.

d. Fort Benning Transportation Office – Ms. Shawn Ramsey is a Personal Property Counselor at Transportation. Service Members should visit the Transportation Office as soon as they have their orders; Service Members do not need clearing papers to attend. Peak season for moves begins mid-May, so be sure to come to secure your movers as soon as possible. If you experience any issues during a pick up or move, contact the Transportation Office immediately for assistance. Visit www.move.mil for more information or call 706-545-5912

e. National Infantry Museum – Ms. Alexis Belman briefed on the upcoming NIM Kids Summer Camp (See attached flyer). NIM Movie Theater will offer first run films starting in May. The 10 year anniversary of the NIM is 19 Jun. Visit www.nationalinfantryfoundation.org for more information, or call 706-685-2614

f. Military Child Education Coalition, Parent-to-Parent (PtoP) – MCEC is a non-profit seeking to ensure quality education to military children. The PtoP branch of MCEC provides resources and workshops to make Parents their child's best educational and social advocate. PtoP does reading events at the Long Library and with New Parent Support. Their next Tell Me A Story (TMAS) event is 1500-1700 on 7 Apr at the NIM. Guest reader is COL Hedrick. All families go home with a book, and there will be activities after the reading. Event is free but registration is required. Please visit the PtoP Facebook page or call 254-290-2615.

5. Panel Updates

a. DES – LTC McCully briefed self-scanners at ACP began 24 Feb. Program expands to I-185 (ACP 3) this week. If you have issues with the self-scanners, please use the ICE system or call the non-emergency line at 706-545-5224. DES takes reports of speeding in housing areas seriously. Additional patrols are in effect at Baltzell Avenue, Upatoi Drive, 1st Division Road, Old Ironsides Loop, and Lumpkin Road. Report issues with these impacted areas to non-emergency line. There is an ongoing investigation into package theft in housing areas but LTC McCully stated he is unable to provide specific details.

b. Martin Army Community Hospital – COL McCord briefed that urgent care in the community is underutilized and urges community to use those facilities. A list of urgent care clinics is online on the MACH webpage and Facebook page. North Columbus Medical Home Urgent Care Clinic moves to the Oakridge Clinic in the main hospital on 18 Mar. North Columbus Medical Home is not closing and the Urgent Care Clinic will move back in the future. Urgent Care clinics off-post are only available free of charge to dependents; Service

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Members must use the hospital. For more information, please contact the hospital directly at 762-408-2605.

c. Villages of Benning – Ms. Stephanie Jenkins briefed that mowing season begins the first week in April. For meet and greet information with Mainscapes, the landscaping company used by housing, please contact your housing office. For information on the Shred event, Spring Fling, and Newcomers get together, please see attached flyers.

d. Defense Commissary Activity – Mr. Terry Ford stated the Commissary renovations are complete and distribution issues are reconciled. DeCA placed new cart corrals in the parking lot and new carts arrive 15 Mar. Healthy meal choice recipes are at the end caps of each aisles. For Month of the Military Child, the Commissary offers a tour of the commissary on 8 and 22 Apr. Sidewalk sale is 2-4 May. Check sales at www.commissaries.com.

e. Army and Air Force Exchange Services – Mr. Don Sydlík briefed that construction on both Muscle Maker (MCoE) and Panda Express (PX Food Court) is on schedule. Firestone may increase size to meet demand, but the project is tentative. The PX has a new store manager, Ms. Pamela McCoy. To provide feedback on experiences within AAFES, please contact manager of store or use ICE system. For more information, visit www.aafes.com.

f. MCoE and Garrison Chaplain – CH Dawud Agbere briefed upcoming religious services related to Easter. Please see attached slide.

g. Directorate of Family and Morale, Recreation, and Welfare –Mr. Al Gelineau briefed AER Kickoff is 8 Mar. Campaign runs through 15 May. Post wide yard sale is 30 Mar; MWR hosts a Flea Market the same day. For a booth at Stillwell field, contact MWR. Mr. Gelineau also mentioned that Ms. Charlotte Bowman from Muscogee Moms has information on a For more information visit www.benning.armymwr.com.

h. Garrison Commander – On behalf of COL Cox, Mr. Terry Stringfellow briefed Garrison will host a town hall meeting concerning housing issues on 15 Mar, time and location TBD.

4. Mr. Gelineau adjourned the meeting at 1042. The next CARE meeting is 2 Apr 19, 0930-1030, Army Community Service, Building 7.

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ACS Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator

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