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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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4 December 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, Fort Benning, GA 31905

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

1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 0930 on 3 December 2019 at Army Community Service (ACS), Building 7.

2. Membership present or represented:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Ms. Shannon Beck	Marketing Manager, Family and MWR
Mr. Kevin Clarke	Chief, DES
COL Robert Holcek	Deputy Commander for Nursing, MEDDAC
Mr. Michael Snyder	Facilities Director, Villages of Benning
Ms. Yvonne Kuhfahl	Store Secretary, DeCA
Ms. Rutchel Williams	Services Business Manager, AAFES
CH (COL) Dawud Agbere	MCoE and Garrison Chaplain

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

4. Community Forum:

a. Georgia Visitors Center - Ms. Lativia Rivers briefed services offered, such as "explore destinations," "things to do," "places to stay," and "ideas to plan your trip." Callaway Gardens Fantasy in Lights event offers discounted tickets for military and their dependents. For more information, visit www.exploregeorgia.org.

b. Columbus Visitors Bureau - Ms. Melanie Grace briefed the assorted services offered to include attractions, events, dining, outdoor adventure and meeting/group venues. The staff is available to assist in planning your trip in Columbus. For more information, call 1-800-999-1613 or visit www.visitcolumbusga.com.

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c. The Columbus Museum - Ms. Bridgette Russell briefed the family-friendly attractions to include transformations, the hands-on discovery gallery for children where imaginations are encouraged to run wild. The Museum offers exciting educational family programs, art classes, and school and group tours. She informed attendees of the upcoming comedy play titled "Christmas Town: A Holiday Noir" which will take place 6 December at 1900. For more information, please visit www.thecolumbusmuseum.com.

5. Panel Updates:

a. DES - Mr. Kevin Clarke briefed the importance of safety during the holiday season. He explained the trends associated with "Smash and Grab." The importance of properly disposing of or hiding high value item boxes, as they are a key target for smash and grabs for cars and homes. He reiterated that "Fort Benning Check Quarters Form" gives the Military Police permission to monitor the security of your quarters while you are away. Complete and submit the form to the Military Policy Station, Building 71. The form is in the CARE flyers. For more information, visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>

b. MEDDAC - COL Robert Holcek updated attendees on the "Children in the Clinic Policy," and said the team is finishing the new policy that should be published in the next upcoming weeks. More guidance forthcoming at the next CARE meeting. Healthcare options are available for beneficiaries while traveling outside your assigned region. These options include contacting the Nurses Advice Line at 1-800-874-2273 or visiting your nearest urgent care facility. The Federal Dental and Vision Program open season closes 9 December. For more information, visit <https://www.tricare.mil/Plans/Enroll/OpenSeason> COL Holcek stated DoD has a shortage of influenza immunizations and MACH has a limited supply. However, beneficiaries can go to TRICARE-approved outside pharmacies for this service. For children under the age of 12, contact the information line at 762-408-2273 to leave a message for your provider to receive a written prescription. The pharmacy pilot program to drop-off prescriptions is fully functional. This allows patients who check-in at the pharmacy desk before 1200 to pick up their prescriptions after 1500 the same day. Prescriptions dropped off after 1200 are available for pick-up the next day. Furthermore, a pharmacy ticket kiosk will be available by the end of next week. We now have three new pediatricians on staff who have available appointments.

c. Villages of Benning - Mr. Michael Snyder informed attendees about the Christmas event 13 December at Indianhead Village, 1800-2000. There will be photo opportunities with Santa and the Grinch, horse-drawn carriage rides, and cookies and cocoa. The newsletter is located in the CARE flyers. Please contact your housing office for additional information.

d. Defense Commissary Activity - Ms. Yvonne Kuhfahl briefed the Commissary holiday hours: 24 December 0700-1600, closed 25 December, normal store hours 31 December

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and closed 1 January 2020. Santa will visit the Commissary 14 December 0900-1200. For more information, please refer to CARE flyer or visit www.commissaries.com.

e. AAFES - Ms. Rutchel Williams briefed Santa will visit AAFES 7-8 December 1200-1600. Professional photos available for purchase. In addition, the character from "Frozen" will visit 7 December at 1100. For additional information, contact Ms. Williams at williamsrute@aafes.com, or visit the Main Exchange.

f. MCoE and Garrison Chaplain - (COL) Dawud Agbere briefed the arrival of the new Family Life Chaplain MAJ Timothy Fary. There are various religious holiday special services. For more information concerning the services, please see CARE flyer or contact the Garrison Religious Support Office at 706-545-2289.

g. DFMWR - Ms. Shannon Beck briefed upcoming events including Santa's Visit at Riverside and the Tree Lighting Ceremony on 12 December, 1730-2030; Trees for Troops 5 December at 1030 on Wetherby Field. Availability is limited this year so encourage junior enlisted service members to arrive early. In addition, the pre-priced "Property Sale" event is 10-11 December. MWR is offering \$1 express car washes during December. For more information, see CARE flyers or visit www.benning.armymwr.com

h. COL Scalia informed attendees the next CARE meeting is Tuesday, 14 January 2020. He stated we are in danger of losing the recycle pickup contract due to the bad recycling and trash practices of housing occupants. He stressed the need of properly separating recycling. Failure to do so will result in the return of separation bins.

6. Due Outs:

a. MACH - Follow up safety policy for children not receiving services in the clinics.

b. DES – Update on the location of the safety dashboard and trifold. Provide quarters check form to social media for easier accessibility.

c. DFMWR - Follow up on pre-sale workout equipment being compatible for on-post housing outlets. Provide route location of the "Ugly Sweater Run."

(1) How many Family Child Care (FCC) homes are on Fort Benning? How many accept hourly care?

Answer: We currently have 12 FCC providers on Fort Benning. All FCC providers accept hourly care if they have space and one is totally dedicated to hourly care. Please call Parent Central Services to receive the contact information for FCC providers. Providers set their own policies concerning how far in advance hourly care reservations are available. Please ask the FCC provider for policy.

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(2) Can you provide a map of the 14 December Ugly Sweater 5K Run?

Answer: Map is located in the CARE flyers on the MWR website.

d. Commissary - Follow up on issues concerning quality of produce, pending onboard of new Produce Manager.

e. Villages of Benning - What is the mulching schedule and is there a schedule for leaf pickup?

7. Meeting adjourned at 1044. The next CARE meeting is Tuesday, 14 January 2020, at 0930 in ACS, Building 7.

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