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US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND IMCOM DIRECTORATE - TRAINING

1 KARKER STREET, MCGINNIS-WICKAM HALL FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-5000

2 Oct 19

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 1 Oct 19 at Army Community Service (ACS), Building 7.
- 2. Membership Present or Represented:

COL Matthew Scalia
Ms. Alvin Gelineau

Ma Karda Olaska

Mr. Kevin Clarke

COL Eliasib Lozano

Mr. Michael Snyder

Mr. Terry Ford

Mr. Don Sydllik

CH (LTC) Anthony Randall

**Garrison Commander** 

Director, Family and MWR

Chief, DES

Deputy Commander, MEDDAC

Facilities Director, Villages of Benning

Store Director, DeCA

General Manager, AAFES

Deputy 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 topic for today's meeting.

## 4. Community Forum:

- a. Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Ms. Karoushia Jordan briefed Domestic Violence Awareness Month (1 31 Oct). The FAP will host events throughout Oct. For more information concerning events, please see the CARE slides and flyers.
- b. Better Business Bureau (BBB) Ms. Michele Mason briefed Cyber Security Awareness Month. She discussed how to "Secure, Protect and Own" your personal information. She briefed the warning signs associated with fraud, and Identity theft. For more information, please see CARE slides and flyers or visit <a href="https://www.bbb.org">https://www.bbb.org</a>.
- c. RiverCenter for the Performing Arts Ms. Carrie Corbett briefed upcoming events and shows for the RiverCenter. The Center offers discounts through their box office. The

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MCoE Band will perform 7 Dec. For more information on events, call 706-256-3608 or visit <a href="https://rivercenter.org/upcoming-events/">https://rivercenter.org/upcoming-events/</a>.

- d. National Infantry Museum (NIM) Ms. Alexis Belman briefed upcoming events for the NIM to include the Congressional Summit, 9 Oct, 0830-1300, and Veterans Day Mini Camp 11 Nov, 0900 1300. All participants must register. For more information, please see CARE flyers or visit <a href="mailto:Campdirector@nationalinfantryfoundation.org">Campdirector@nationalinfantryfoundation.org</a>.
- e. Magnet Programs Ms. Darlene Register briefed the Magnet Programs for elementary, middle and high school that are available for dependent military students. Timeframe to submit applications for high school is Oct Jan. The application for elementary and middle school opens early spring. For more information, please see CARE slides or contact Ms. Register at register.darlene@muscogee.k12.ga.us
- f. Historic Westville Ms. Cindy Bowden briefed the history of Historic Westville. She stated each tour includes exhibits, live interpretations, demonstrations and hand-on activities for all ages. There are volunteer opportunities from costumed interpreter to vital support staff that help bring Historic Westville to life. The hard opening is 2 Nov. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.westville.org">www.westville.org</a>

# 5. Panel Updates:

- a. DES Mr. Kevin Clarke briefed the "Scam of the Month." He stated Fire Prevention Week is 6 12 Oct, which will include visits at schools, Commissary and the main exchange. He stated the availability of the DES/CID trifold on Internes WRT Risk to Children on Internet and Facebook will soon be available on the Garrison website.
- b. MEDDAC COL Eliasib Lozano stated as of 1 Oct 19 the eastern region hospitals and clinics have transitioned from the "US Army Medical Command" to the "Defense Health Agency." This change will not affect patient care access. He briefed, 11 Nov 9 Dec is open enrollment for TRICARE medical, dental and vision benefits. All benefit changes will be effective 1 Jan 20. He briefed one out of four pediatricians have in-processed and more appointments will be available soon. If a child under the age of 12 needs a flu immunization, a parent or guardian can call the appointment line to leave a message for their PCM for a written prescription. Currently, the flu immunizations are available for deployable Soldiers and beneficiaries age 65 plus. He followed up on the request regarding children not receiving services in the lab, radiology and specialty clinics to be able to attend their parents in the clinics. He stated they are looking into the request more deeply to address needs without compromising client safety. In reference to access of early morning and late afternoon appointments for school-aged children, COL Lozano stated he would consider moving appointment times. In addition, he would review check-in practices. Additional guidance will be available at the next CARE meeting.

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- c. Villages of Benning Mr. Michael Snyder stated the new regional manager and acting community director are on-board. The housing community pools will remain open until 6 Oct. He addressed trash/recycling issues and gave the POC for the blue and green containers. All work order completions should include a signature by an adult (if available) in the home that signifies the work was completed. He discussed future housing community events. For more information about events, visit your housing office.
- d. DeCA Mr. Terry Ford stated Commissary hours for Columbus Day will be 0900 1700. He addressed the shortage of food is due to the droughts affecting their suppliers. He followed up on the request for more cashiers during the early bird hours and said cashier availability is limited due to coverage of opening hours. For more information, see CARE flyers or visit <a href="https://www.commissaries.com">www.commissaries.com</a>.
- e. AAFES Mr. Don Sydllik announced Qdoba Mexican Restaurant' will open in the main mall Fri, 4 Oct. Toyland grand opening is 19 Oct, 1100 1500, at the main store. "Concert on the Lawn" is Sat, 4 Oct, 1600 1900. For more information visit www.aafes.com.
- f. MCoE and Garrison Chaplain (LTC) Randall briefed that the Jewish high holiday services are now offered. He stated there is a multi-purpose religious support service at Building 16. During Oktoberfest, Sun, 20 Oct, there will be a chapel service in the festive tent at 1100. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/chaplains">www.benning.army.mil/garrison/chaplains</a>.
- g. DFMWR Mr. Al Gelineau stated he would work with his staff to ensure improved access to CARE meetings notes on the MWR website. In addition, he discussed the "On the Table" event 0900 1030 at the Benning Club 22 Oct. He addressed the need for additional hourly childcare. The Army also recognizes the need and IMCOM is running tests at a couple of installations to see how they can sustain the funding. He discussed the DPW partnership regarding the recycling program. They are looking to have more recycle and bulk item bins available. They are reviewing the empty bins around playground and the frequency of recycle pick-up. In addition, there is a consideration for placing trash bins near recycling bins. Mr. Gelineau is reviewing the need to keep pet waste stations around soccer fields and the frequency of pick-up. He then briefed upcoming MWR events. For more information visit www.benning.armymwr.com.
- h. COL Scalia informed attendees of the recent Town Hall meeting and one of the main issues was housing related. He stated, going forward, town halls meetings would be set based on the greatest overall effect. In reference to bulk pick up, it is available once a week in your housing communities. He stated Halloween Celebration is 31 Oct. He discussed being on the lookout in the communities for any strange activities.

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7. Meeting adjourned at 1120. The next meeting is Tue, 5 Oct, at 0930 in ACS, Building 7.

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NAVARSHA SHUBERT
ACS Program Analyst

**CF: Council members** 

# REPLY TO ATTENTION OF IMBE-MWA (608)

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

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- 1. Subject minutes are approved disapproved
- 2. Point of contact for this action is Navarsha Shubert, DFMWR, ACS, Program Analyst, 706-545-7423.

3. ACS will supplement Minutes with due-ats from Ruel Updates.

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Garrison Commander

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Each Member