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FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

IMBE-MWA (608)

6 October 2020

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 6 October 2020 via Facebook Live from the ACS Auditorium.

2. Membership present or represented:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Mr. Alvin D. Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
Mr. Kevin Clarke	Director, Emergency Services
LTC Steven Oliver	Chief of Human Resources Division, MACH
Mr. Michael Snyder	Facilities Director, Villages of Benning
Mr. Gregory Dooley	Store Manager, DeCA
Mr. Nathan Snook	Deputy Director, PAO
LTC Michael Patterson	Garrison Chaplain

3. The CARE panel and briefers provide valuable information for senior spouses/leaders to share with their units. The panel and briefers are available to answer questions. Today's topic "Community Resources."

4. Community Forum:

a. Family Advocacy Program (FAP) – Ms. Beatriz Seales-Tealdi briefed about October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The campaign raises awareness of domestic abuse. This year's campaign title is "United to End Domestic Abuse." She mentioned COVID-19 might be a contributor to the increase of domestic violence incidents. FAP will host a series of events throughout October. For more information, see CARE slides, <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-services6>, or <https://www.facebook.com/BenningFMWRfans/>.

b. Better Business Bureau (BBB) – Ms. Michele Mason briefed Cyber Security Awareness Month. She shared tips for families to ensure they are taking appropriate steps to protect themselves in the cyber environment. She advised that families be aware of the sites they visit and ensure that they are securing their privacy settings. She provided tips to help individuals ensure the sites they visit are safe. She briefed the importance of using strong passwords and watching out for phishing scams. Ms. Mason urged families to keep track of their smart

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devices, cover cameras on computers and to delete unused apps from phones. The BBB will host a "Drive-Thru Shred Day" 17 October 0830-1130 on Manchester Expressway in Columbus. For more information, please see the CARE slides or visit <https://www.bbb.org>.

c. National Infantry Museum (NIM) – Ms. Alexis Belham briefed the NIM is supporting military events, but remains closed to the general public. They will host a Veterans Day Ceremony 11 November for families having pavers and memorials installed. On 11 November 0900-1300 there will be a Veterans Day Camp for ages 5 to 11 and a Flag Retirement ceremony. Outdoor memorials remain open to the public and families are urged to visit them. For more information, visit <https://nationalinfantrymuseum.org/> or email [Campdirector@nationalinfantryfoundation.org](mailto:Campdirector@nationalinfantryfoundation.org).

d. Muscogee County Schools Magnet Program – Ms. Darlene Register briefed the Magnet Programs for elementary, middle and high schools that are available for dependent military students. She spoke on the different programs the schools offer. Students can apply to as many schools as they like. This may increase their chances of receiving a slot. There are slots held for military dependents and students are able to test at any time and will be on a waitlist if there are no openings. She suggested families visit upcoming open houses. The timeframe to submit applications for high school should be out soon. For more information, you may contact Ms. Register at [register.darlene@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:register.darlene@muscogee.k12.ga.us)

e. Historic Westville – Ms. Stephanie Gore briefed on Historic Westville. She provided information on some of the exhibits, which include a demonstration of crafts, a blacksmith who works with metal, and a carpenter. There are volunteer opportunities from helping with research to serving as a tour guide. Historic Westville is hoping to offer a Christmas event that demonstrates what Christmas was like in the 1800s. For more information, visit [www.westville.org](http://www.westville.org) or email [info@westville.org](mailto:info@westville.org).

f. United Services Organization (USO) – Ms. Regina Wages briefed that the USO transition offices are now open at ACS in Rooms 114 and 115. Services are open to any service member within one year of separating from the Army until one year after separation and spouses qualify for resources anytime during the sponsor's career. The USO offers programming tailored to employment readiness, financial readiness, volunteerism, education, veteran's benefits, family strength and wellness, as well as housing and legal issues. It connects clients to the appropriate resources. A USO Center will open next year and will be a morale center for families. For more information, contact Ms. Regina Wages at 843-224-2241 or Nicole Applegate at 912-498-7159.

## 5. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) – Mr. Kevin Clarke stated that the Benning Boulevard Access Control Point is now open every day 0600-1800. Access hours will change to 0600-2100 on 13 October. On 7 October, the Trusted Traveler Program will return. Passengers will not need to show IDs at the access control point while traveling with a trusted

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traveler (military ID card holder). The DES is offering home checks to on-post families traveling out of town. For more information, visit <https://benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>.

b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) – LTC Steven Oliver briefed MACH is trying to maximize telehealth as much as possible, but walk-in services are available. MACH encourages patients to go directly to the clinics for appointments and utilize the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE option 1 in an effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19. The hospital visitation policy has changed to one visitor per inpatient for the duration of the patient's visit. MACH asks that if someone has a COVID-19 positive person in their home not to visit the hospital unless they are seeking care. MACH has slightly changed the screening process for patients and employees, but everyone entering MACH must wear a mask. The Pediatric Respiratory Urgent Care Clinic opened 5 October for children 3 months to 18 years and is in Building 3216 on Sand Hill. LTC Oliver explained COVID-19 testing is authorized based on the clinical judgment of a medical provider. There will be flu vaccines given in the MACH patient-parking garage 20 October 1300-1700. Open enrollment season for TRICARE is 9 November - 11 December. For more information, visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

c. Villages of Benning – Mr. Michael Snyder briefed that in-person self-help visits have resumed. Villages of Benning require residents come to Self Help for needed items instead of call in work orders. In 2020 HVAC units in Patton, Custer, McGraw and Upatoi Villages will go through inspections and in 2021 the remaining villages will be inspected. Villages of Benning will host a Halloween Yard Decorating Contest 9 October through the end of the month. The Virtual Costume Contest is on 30 October. The Trick or Treat Drive Thru Event is scheduled for 23 October 1530-1730. Mr. Snyder stated that they would push out the annual CEL Survey as soon as it is available. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

d. Defense Commissary Activity (DeCA) – Mr. Gregory Dooley briefed the Halloween Costume Contest the Commissary is hosting that's taking place now until 31 October. The Commissary is working through distribution issues and working to fill shelves. Sponsored visitors are now authorized to visit the Commissary. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com/>.

e. Public Affairs Office (PAO) – Mr. Nathan Snook briefed on the important sites that are available for information at Fort Benning. The MCoE will conduct a Change of Responsibilities on 8 October at York Field. If any of you see any incorrect information on the PAO pages, please contact PAO so they can make the appropriate corrections. He invited everyone to download the Digital Garrison App. For more information and updates, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningGarrison/> or <https://www.benning.army.mil/>.

f. MCoE and Garrison Chaplain – LTC Michael Patterson briefed that some chapels on Fort Benning have reopened. He stated that they are opening chapels slowly, safely and cautiously. He mentioned that registration to attend a chapel is available on the chapel's website that you are interested in attending. There are currently two Protestant services, two

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Catholic services, a Jewish Service and a Muslim service. For additional information, visit <http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/chaplains>.

g. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) – Mr. Alvin Gelineau stated CARE minutes and other important information is located on the [benning.army.mwr.com](http://benning.army.mwr.com) website. Two new MWR playgrounds officially opened and the new Java Café should open early 2021. He encouraged everyone to spread the word and utilize the USO program. The fitness center is now open to all ID card holders. Smith Gym hours changed to 0900-1700 on Saturday and Sunday, Audie Murphy Gym hours are now 0700-1300 on Saturday and Sunday, and Santiago Gym hours are now 0900-1700 on Saturday. Smith Fitness pools are now open Monday-Friday 0530-1830 and Saturday and Sunday 0930-1630. There is a “Movie Under the Stars” event 9 October at 1930, a Spooktacular Fun Camping Night 17 October at Kings Pond, and Paint, Sip and be Spooky 23 October at the Fort Benning Golf Course. For more information, visit <http://www.benning.armymwr.com/>.

h. Garrison Commander - COL Matthew Scalia briefed the installation updates. Halloween is 31 October with details soon to follow. He urged that families become familiar with General Order 6. Everyone still needs to be responsible, wear masks and follow the rules. Expired dependent ID cards are still good until the middle of June. The CAC office is taking walk-ins in the mornings and servicing appointments in the afternoons. The MCoE website has information services adjusted for the COVID-19 environment. DODEA Schools reopen 13 October. He urged parents to screen their children two hours before sending them to school. The DODEA website has a form to fill out and return by Thursday, 8 October. COL Scalia stated Fort Benning is currently at HPCON Bravo Plus.

#### 6. Due Outs:

##### a. Muscogee County Schools Magnet Program:

- (1) Provide a list of schools with programs and type of programs offered.
- (2) Provide a list of Open House dates for high schools.

##### b. Historic Westville: Provide contact information to the notes: [info@westville.org](mailto:info@westville.org).

##### c. USO: Provide information on transition services USO offers.

##### d. MACH:

- (1) Provide Pediatric Respiratory Clinic Flyer.
- (2) Provide a list of clinics providing COVID test for TRICARE beneficiaries.
- (3) Provide the updated Visitation Policy.

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e. The Villages of Benning: Provide the CEL Survey.

f. DFMWR/Garrison Commander: Provider information on when team sports will resume

7. For more information, see CARE slides on the MWR Website at

<https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/care-community-activities-resource-exchange>.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1100. The next CARE meeting scheduled for 3 November at 0930.

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ATTN: IMBE-MWA, Fort Benning, GA 31905

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1. The October Community Activities and Resources Exchange meeting minutes are approved/disapproved.
2. POC: Ms. Gretchen Champion, DFMWR, ACS, Program Support Assistant, 706-626-0824.

  
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Garrison Commander

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Each Member