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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
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MEMORANDUM FOR Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation,
ATTN: AMIM-BEW-A, Fort Benning, GA 31905

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

1. The May 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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1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 0930 on 4 May 2021 via Facebook Live and limited seating from the ACS Auditorium, Building 7.

2. Panel Members Present:

COL Matthew Scalia
Ms. Patricia Lamson-Poeschel
LTC Yolanda Edwards
LTC Steven Oliver
Ms. Tamala McCoy
Ms. Denise Bleiler
Ms. Stacy White
Mr. Richard Zaler

Garrison Commander
Deputy Director, Family and MWR
Provost Marshal, DES
Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH
Main Exchange Store Manager, AAFES
Community Director, Villages of Benning
Store Manager, DeCA
Director, Army Community Service

3. The CARE panel and briefers provide valuable information to senior spouses and leaders. Today's topic: Summer Programs/Spouse Employment.

4. Community Forum:

a. School Age Center (SAC) - Mr. Cody Hughley briefed Camp Courage that begins 24 May at the SAC Program. Registration began through [militarychildcare.com](https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/child-youth-school-services). Operational hours are 0530-1830 Mon-Fri. DODEA Families that begin camp on 10 Jun will pay a prorated fee. Camps are available for selection by week. Call Parent Central Services or SAC for registration questions and assistance. For more information, visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/child-youth-school-services> or call 706-545-3650.

b. Columbus State University Youth Programs - Ms. Samantha Gurski briefed Active 8 Summer Camps. Camps arranged in pods of ten for two weeks with each session having a centralized theme for ages 4-14. Additional camps occur all summer to include soccer, golf, baseball, basketball, and many more. There is a Summer Arts Academy Precollege

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Program for ages 15-17. For more information on summer camps, email columbusstate.edu/active8 or sam@columbusstate.edu.

c. National Infantry Museum (NIM) - Mr. Chris Lewis briefed camp and volunteer opportunities available this summer. There will be a one-day mini-camp 31 May 0900-1300 for ages 5-11 for \$10. Registration is online. The Summer Camp Program is a weeklong day camp for ages 6-14. The NIM offers camp scholarships for eligible Families. The NIM needs volunteers to help with graduation ceremonies and Soldier trainings. For more information, email campdirector@nationalinfantryfoundation.org or call 706-685-2614.

d. Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) - Ms. Karie Colon briefed that NAF CPAC services NAF positions for Business & Recreation Division, Child & Youth Services, and Financial Management Division. Positions NF03 and below are announced competitively and eligible for spousal preference through USAJOBS.gov. When claiming spousal preference, a copy of the Soldier's orders and marriage certificate are required. Non-competitive positions are eligible to use the Civilian Employment Assignment Tool (CEAT). The CEAT gives employees the ability to remain in the same position and appointment category when PCSing. There are positions such as cooks, custodians and motor vehicle operators that come with a \$2,500 cash bonus. For more information, email karie.a.colon2.naf@mail.mil.

e. Appropriated Funds (APF) CPAC - Ms. Michelle Young briefed procedures to apply for APF positions while a spouse. When applying for positions and using Military Spouse Preference, upload a copy of the orders, marriage license, Military Spouse PPP Self-Certification Checklist, and a detailed resume. Job announcements contain important details about the position. Additionally, Executive Order 13473 is available for active duty spouses, retirees' spouses, spouses of service members with 100 percent disability, and un-remarried widows/widowers. USAJOBS can be set up to send notifications for open job announcements. For more information, call 706-545-3374.

f. United Service Organizations (USO) - Ms. Nicole Applegate briefed services USO Transitions offer. USO offers a job search program that prepares tailored action plans. They give out local and national resources for help with resumes, interviewing, networking, mentorship, and skills assessments. Spouses can sign up for services at any time. Operational hours are 0830-1630 Mon-Fri. For more information, contact Nicole Applegate at 912-498-7159.

g. Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) - Mr. Kevin Aker briefed resources offered to spouses. Department of Labor workshops and Veterans Administration benefits briefings are available to spouses in transition, space available. Remaining services available through SFL-TAP are available to spouses at all times. SFL-TAP offers a weekly employment connection event Weds 1000-1300. Resume and

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interview workshops are available to help applicants tailor their resumes for targeted positions. There are virtual hiring events through Recruit Military and over 20 career skills programs available to transitional members. For more information, visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/DHR/TAP/index.html> or <https://www.facebook.com/benningsfltap>.

h. Army Community Service (ACS) Volunteer Support Association (ACSVSA) – Ms. Brittany Lawrence briefed that the ACSVSA is a 501(c)(3) that assists federal organizations when government funds cannot be used or when organizations may not want to create a 501(c)(3). Donations made to the ACSVSA fund can be marked for specific events or usage in the general fund. There are open donations that are good for organizations that don't want to set up a 501(c)(3) and a breakdown for each program is offered. ACSVSA is looking for board members or volunteers. For more information, email brittanylawrence320@yhoo.com or call 336-403-1976.

i. Spouse Employment Working Group – Mr. Richard Zaler briefed the status of the Spouse Employment Working Group. The Public Affairs Office Facebook contains available on and off-post jobs. A list of employment resources is located on the Better at Benning website. ACS is offering Civilian and USAJOBS resume writing classes. A Spouse Employment Job Fair is scheduled for 18 May 0900-1300 at the Benning Supper Club. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/425421268601742> or <https://www.benning.army.mil/BetteratBenning/Content/PDF/Spousal%20Employment.pdf>.

5. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation – Ms. Patricia Lamson-Poeschel stated the Independence Celebration is scheduled for 26 Jun 1830-2300 on York Field with headliners Fitz and the Tantrums. The new JAVA Café is a few weeks away from opening. New operating hours for the Milton E. Long Library are 1000-1700 Mon- Fri, with the Computer Lab closing at 1600. Roz's Café is offering a Mother's Day Brunch featuring live jazz music 9 May 1300-1600. Call 706-641-2184 to make reservations. The Audie Murphy Athletic Performance Center and Whittington High Performance Center are now mask free for anyone immunized plus 14 days. Attendees need proof of immunization and DoD ID. The Recycling Center is temporarily closed with plans to reopen by the end of the week. For more information, visit <http://www.benning.armymwr.com/>.

b. ACS – Mr. Richard Zaler briefed the May events occurring at ACS. There is a Spouse Leadership Seminar 11-13 May with a fourth day added to include a bus tour. There is a Spouse Employment Job Fair scheduled for 18 May with over 40 agencies invited to attend. There is a Volunteer Recognition Reception scheduled for 26 May. The AER Campaign is still ongoing. The Financial Readiness Program is conducting in-person mandatory classes and monthly Newcomers Briefings for E4 and below will begin 5 May.

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ACS is hosting Civilian and USAJOBS Resume classes. For more information, visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-services>.

c. Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) - Ms. Tamala McCoy briefed the Exchange is looking for staff to join the team and that staff shortages caused food facilities closures. The Exchange is offering \$600 bonus for food workers. There are positions available at the Exchange, food facilities and Express stores. As of 1 May, DoD CAC holders are now able to shop at the Exchange stores. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/> or call 706-682-0562.

d. Defense Commissary Activity (DeCA) – Ms. Stacy White briefed steps in applying for DeCA positions, the different positions available, and hiring preferences utilized. The Commissary is looking for front-line food service workers to work nights and weekends. DeCA offers benefits and transfers for military spouses PCSing. Some DeCA employee benefits include Commissary shopping privileges, employee assistance programs, annual leave carry over, and retirement. The Sidewalk Sale is 13 – 16 May 1000-1700 inside the Commissary. The Commissary has resumed the use of reusable bags. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com/>.

e. Villages of Benning – Ms. Denise Bleiler stated bulk trash is scheduled for weekly pickup and will begin 10 May. Villages of Benning will host virtual Newcomers Briefings every other month. They offer a resident referral incentive of \$300. There is an Operation Clean Sweep event scheduled for 15 May for Indianhead Village and MacDonald Manor. There is a Village-Wide Yard Sale scheduled for 22-23 May 0800-1600 in every village. There is virtual Mother's Day Giveaway scheduled for 3-7 May and participants can enter daily by email, Facebook, or on Active Building. The Yard of the Month contest is Apr – Aug with 10 winners each month. Pools open Memorial Day weekend. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

f. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) - LTC Steven Oliver provided an update on COVID-19 on Fort Benning. The primary site for COVID-19 testing is the Primary Cough and COVID Clinic at Building 3216. The PC³ has begun seeing MACH beneficiaries with cold, cough, and flu symptoms Mon - Fri 0900-1800 with no appointment necessary. MACH discontinued the Drive-Thru Pharmacy and services are back to inside pick-up. Drive-thru COVID-19 vaccinations are available at the old MACH location for beneficiaries 16 and older. School and sports physicals are available 19 Jun, 10 Jul, 24 Jul, and 14 Aug 0800-1300 by appointment only. For more information, visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

g. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) – LTC Yolanda Edwards briefed updates on the speeding analysis and urged that if you see someone speeding to call the non-emergency number at 706-545-5222. She reminded attendees of Operation Slow Down. DES is offering quarter's checks for Families that are away on vacation. Families can

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request a check by calling 706-545-5222. For more information, visit <https://benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>.

h. Garrison Commander - COL Matthew Scalia briefed that the next CARE meeting is scheduled for 3 Aug. This forum is a way to receive Families' questions, your feedback and hold us accountable. He stated that this is his last CARE meeting and COL Alexis Rivera is the incoming Garrison Commander.

6. Due Outs:

- a. ACS: Spouse Leadership Seminar offering outside normal business hours.
- b. DeCA (Commissary): Extending operating hours to include early bird and closing later.
- c. CPAC: Gold Star Spouses eligibility term.
- d. COL Scalia: Donovan Library hours of operation and services provided (Wi-Fi).
- e. MACH: School and Sports Physicals Flyer – Added to CARE slides.

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 Aug at 0930.

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