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1 August 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, Fort Moore, GA 31905

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Moore Garrison Community Leaders Information Forum

1. The Fort Moore Garrison Community Leaders Information Forum (CLIF) panel convened at 1030 on 1 August 2023 via Facebook Live and Microsoft Teams from the Army Community Service (ACS) Auditorium, Building 7.

Panel Members Present:

COL Colin P. Mahle CSM Michael D. Sanchez Mr. Darryle Jones SGM Nicole Brannan LTC Melinda Wallace CH (MAJ) James Dice Mr. Sam Shinualt Mr. Jason Maxfield Ms. Brittney Young Ms. Jazmine Murphy Garrison Commander Garrison Command Sergeant Major Director, Family & MWR Sergeant Major, DES Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH Garrison Chaplain, Religious Support Office Main Store Manager, AAFES Marketing Manager, Villages at Fort Moore Store Manager, DeCA Center Operations Manager, USO Fort Moore

2. The CLIF panel and briefers provide valuable information to senior spouses and leaders to share with their units. Today's topic: Back to School.

3. Community Forum:

a. Fort Moore DoDEA Americas Southeast District – Dr. Lisa Coleman serves as the Georgia and Alabama Community Superintendent for seven DoDEA schools on Fort Moore, Fort Novosel, and Maxwell Air Force Base. Fort Moore has one middle school and four elementary schools. Faith Middle School has an updated school dress code. DoDEA schools offer extracurricular clubs, a special education program, and services with the support of Instructional Assistance Specialist oversight. From October to April, the DoDEA school board meets four times a year to connect with the community. They welcome parents to attend and volunteer as PTO members. Reach out to each school's designated school board representative through the school portal for questions, concerns, or comments. Dr. Coleman's office is located at 5701 Santa Fe Road, Building 11800, off Custer Road on Fort Moore. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.dodea.edu/americas/southeast/fort-moore-schools">https://www.dodea.edu/americas/southeast/fort-moore-schools</a>.

b. Chattahoochee County School District – Dr. Kristie Brooks briefed that more than

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65 percent of their middle and high school student body is military affiliated. Last year's graduation rate was 96.8 percent, within the top 10 percent of the state of Georgia. They boast championship extracurricular activities in multiple sports, including robotics, band, and JROTC program. Chattahoochee County is a 1:1 technology and offers on-campus dual enrollment college classes and career tech classes for CNA certification, welding, and automotive skill base trades. Also provided are Advance Placement (AP) classes for students. Buildings and facilities safety is a priority for all Chattahoochee schools. The facilities have enhanced security features such as secure buzz-in entrance and high-resolution security cameras. The Traversa Ride 360 allows parents to track their student rider's school bus location, stop location, and pick-up/drop-off time. Chattahoochee County offers convenient health clinics at each school; mental health wrap-around services are available onsite. The school district's vision and mission are to instill pride and passion so that every child reaches infinite possibilities. For more information, visit <u>https://www.chattahoochee.k12.ga.us/</u> or call (706) 989-3774.

c. Russell County School District -- Dr. Brenda Coley briefed Russell County's Vision is "To Inspire, Empower, and Educate with Excellence" with the Mission "To engage students in quality learning experiences that will prepare them for success in college, career, and life." Resources available to Russell County students are 1:1 Technology with Chrome Book computers, Full-time Nurse, School Resource Officer, School Counselor at each school, District Mental Health Services Coordinator, and a Military Student Transition Consultant. All schools have Student 2 Student Teams. Russell County Middle School and High School are Purple Star Schools. Special services are provided to students ages 3-21 through Child Find, and the elementary, middle, and high schools are Transitional Learning Centers for students with severe disabilities, with three schools having Sensory Rooms. Gifted programs are also available for students. All elementary schools have first- class pre-kindergarten programs. Some additional resources are the Helping Families Initiative Partnership with Russell County District Attorney, Warrior Virtual Academy for grades 9-12, and Warrior Inspirational Academy - Alternative Learning Option. Russell County Middle School received a \$1,000,000 GEER II Grant for Stars Academy, which offers several Career Technical Education classes and Extended Learning Opportunities. For more information, visit www.myrcsd.org or call (334) 468-5540.

d. Muscogee County School District – Dr. Cincrystal Poythress stated Muscogee County Division of Student Services covers multiple services from athletics, school counseling/social work services to Title IX coordination. Muscogee County hosts an online registration process with steps to enter or confirm information about your student at <u>https://muscogee.k12.ga.us/c/Divisions/StudentServices/StudentRegistration/OnlineRegistration</u> <u>n</u>. The online registration system is available in English and Spanish. They provide several athletic extracurricular activities for students this fall and winter, such as football, spirit & competition cheerleading, girl's flag football, basketball, and wrestling, to name a few. Their school counseling department provides deployment group counseling services and partners with Fort Moore's Family Advocacy Manager and School Liaison Officers (SLOs) to serve students better. The school calendar provides students and parents with a schedule of events throughout the school year, with recognized holiday observances. The window for online

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Magnet Applications is 25 October 2023 - 8 March 2024. Muscogee County has open recruitment of staff positions. Visit <u>https://muscogee.k12.ga.us/</u> or call (706) 748-2000.

e. DFMWR SLOs – Mr. Ethan Branch briefed that SLOs are transition specialists for pre-K through 12th-grade military connected students and are in every installation. They implement predictable support services that assist with relocation, life transitions, and achieving academic success. Mr. Branch stated public schools in Alabama and Georgia will enroll active-duty Families using a copy of official military orders. However, the district may require proof of residency within 30 days. If an issue arises you need to address for your student, please utilize the school "chain of command." No concern should be elevated to district level without first being brought to the school administration. Military Families can utilize the Military Interstate Children's Compact. The Compact was adopted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and DoDEA, providing for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. Key transition issues addressed include enrollment, placement and attendance, eligibility, and graduation. Visit mic3.net for additional details. For more information about school support services, visit https://moore.armymwr.com/programs/school-support-services or call (706) 545-3062.

## 4. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Emergency Services - SGM Brannan briefed school zone safety and access control. ACP 9 on Sand Hill and Buena Vista Road, is now open 24 hours daily for exit only. Units from across post supply school crossing guards that will be in place 30 minutes prior to school starting and 30 minutes after school dismissing. Each school has its own drop-off and traffic safety plan. Contact the school with any questions. DES supports school zone safety by placing available patrol vehicles to run radar and ticket offenders. Notify MPs when there is a crossing guard missing by calling (706) 545-5223.

b. MACH – LTC Melinda Wallace briefed school, and sports physicals are available for beneficiaries only 12 August, 0800-1300. No walk-in will be accepted. For an appointment, call (762) 408-2273. The Hospital will be open during the training holiday; beneficiaries are encouraged to schedule appointments. For more information, visit <u>https://martin.tricare.mil/</u>.

c. United Services Organization (USO) – Ms. Jazmine Murphy stated USO is a non-profit organization supporting service members from initial entry into Armed Services until exit. Support services offered range from snacks and entertainment for unit morale events to hosting unit events for active-duty service members. Units can request program support by visiting the USO office in ACS, Building 7. Volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, visit <u>www.facebook.com/USOFortMoore</u> and <u>https://www.uso.org/programs/usopathfinder-transition-program</u>.

d. The Villages at Fort Moore – Mr. Jason Maxfield congratulated the 13 Villages at Fort Moore Resident Educational Scholarship recipients. He stated tenants with fenced-in yards are responsible for mowing their own grass. Mainscape will take care of the common

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areas. Residents are invited to the Poolside Movie Night 25 August 2023 and the September Family Pizza Night. For more information, visit <u>https://villagesatfortmoore.com/</u>.

e. Commissary – Ms. Brittney Young announced that Labor Day and Columbus Day holiday hours are 0900-1700. The Commissary has healthy snacks, fast lunches, and healthy meal solutions with dietician-approved recipes available at the Grab-N-Go Fueling stations. On 7 August, join the Commissary by wearing purple to commemorate National Purple Heart Day. For more information on upcoming store specials, visit <u>https://www.commissaries.com</u> or contact (706) 544-3965/3966.

f. AAFES - Mr. Sam Shinault highlighted that layaway is available on computers, Notebooks, iPads, Tablets, and Smartwatches until 1 September 2023. Merchandise must be picked up by 2 September 2023. August is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month; visit the Vista Optical Clinic in the exchange mall 21-25 August for Contact Lens Health Week. The American Tattoo Society Tattoo Studio is now open in the Exchange Mall. For more information, visit <u>https://www.facebook.com/FortMooreExchange/</u>.

g. Garrison Chaplain – CH (MAJ) James Dice challenged attendees to define their Families' purpose and utilize the multitude of resources available on the installation. Check out Religious Support Office Facebook page or Garrison Chaplain's page for information on upcoming religious holidays and services. Call (706) 545-1760 or visit <u>https://www.moore.army.mil/Garrison/Chaplains/index.html</u>.

h. DFMWR – Mr. Darryle Jones invited everyone to bring their lawn chairs to Riverside and attend the Concert on the Lawn, featuring the MCoE Band 12 August 1730–1930. All new military spouses are invited to attend the Spouse Newcomer's Orientation 17 August 0900– 1200 at the ACS Auditorium, Building 7. ACS is also hosting the Spouse Leadership Seminar 23-25 August. Registration ends 18 August. Outdoor Recreation will host the annual Fort Moore Hunting, Fishing, and Recreation Open House 1700–2000 on 24 August at the 1918 Club in the Regimental Room. Enjoy light refreshments while learning about the most recent hunting and fishing regulations on Fort Moore. For more information on upcoming events, visit <u>https://moore.armymwr.com</u>.

5. COL Mahle thanked the attendees for their interaction and encouraged them to take advantage of all the great resources discussed during the Forum.

6.. For more information, see CLIF slides on the MWR Website at <a href="https://moore.armymwr.com/programs/clif">https://moore.armymwr.com/programs/clif</a>

7. Meeting adjourned at 1200. The next CLIF is scheduled for 5 September 2023.

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