



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
IMBE-MWA (608)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
IMCOM DIRECTORATE - TRAINING
1 KARKER STREET, MCGINNIS-WICKAM HALL
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-5000

2 February 2021

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 2 February 2021 via Facebook Live from the ACS Auditorium, Building 7.

2. Attendance:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Mr. Alvin D. Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
Mr. Kevin Clarke	Director, DES
LTC Steven Oliver	Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH
Ms. Tamala McCoy	Main Exchange Store Manager, AAFES
Ms. Denise Bleiler	Community Director, Villages of Benning
Ms. Patricia King	Store Director, DeCA
Mr. Nathan Snook	Deputy Director, PAO
MAJ Brady Frederick	Pastoral Coordinator

3. The CARE panel and briefers provide valuable information for senior spouses/leaders to share with their units. Topic for today's meeting was Spring Break Fun.

4. Community Forum:

a. School Age Center (SAC) - Mr. Cody Hughley briefed the SAC Program and the Spring Break Camp. Operational hours are 0530 - 1830. SAC offers before and after school care programs, virtual learning and a Spring Break Camp 29 March - 2 April. Registration through [militarychildcare.com](https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/child-youth-school-services), began 1 February. Camp themes for Spring Break are Career Day, SAC Junior Chef, MyCraft, Purple Up!, and Fun & Fitness. Call Parent Central Services at 706-545-2079 for registration questions or assistance. For more information, visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/child-youth-school-services> or call 706-545-3650.

b. Youth Sports – Ms. Dorrie Wagner briefed the services offered during Spring Break to include soccer and football clinics, golf clinic and foot golf clinic for ages 6/7-13. Registration opens 1 March. Soccer and football clinics scheduled for 29 March - 2 April, golf clinic is 29 - 31 March and foot golf is 1 - 2 April. For more information on Spring Break clinics, see CARE slides or call Parent Central Services at 706-545-2079.

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c. MWR Tickets & Travel (T&T) - Ms. Nitaya Scott briefed T&T services and highlighted options for travel during Spring Break. She highlighted popular destinations such as Disney, Universal Studios, Chehaw Park, Atlanta City Pass and Historic Westville. Disney extended their 2020 promotional tickets until September 2021 and reservations are required for the parks. T&T sold out of the promotional 2020 tickets but Families can contact Shades of Green for the promotional tickets until 14 February 2021. Universal Studios offers a Freedom Pass that allows access to all parks throughout the year for \$200. Chehaw Park offers over 800 acres of outdoors and 212 animals. The Atlanta Pass gives visitors a pass to five locations in the Atlanta area. Historic Westville educates and gives an appreciation for history. Operational hours for T&T are virtually Monday-Friday 1000-1500. For more information see CARE slides or visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/tickets-travel-office>.

d. Columbus Museum - Ms. Bridgette Russell briefed the virtual and limited in-person activities during Spring Break. The Columbus Museum created a "Museum from Home" activity book for Families to navigate themselves. The Legacy Gallery is a great way for Families to learn about Chattahoochee Valley history. Parent and Child classes have both virtual and limited in-person options. To register for virtual classes go to the Columbus Museum website to sign up for an activity kit. There will be a virtual Family Festival Event 27 February. There will be limited in-person outdoor classes 31 March, 1 April and 3 April. All Columbus Museum activities are free. Columbusmuseum.com/virtual-museum has activities for Families and educators. For more information, please visit www.thecolumbusmuseum.com.

e. Kids Camp at the National Infantry Museum - Ms. Alexis Belham stated the Museum is supporting military events, but remains closed to the public. There is a Hearts and History Mini Camp 13 February 1400 - 1800, a one-day Spring Break Camp 31 March 0830 - 1700 with a cost of \$30. A Memorial Day Mini Camp is scheduled for 1 May 0900-1300. Summer Camps are also in the works. There is currently a limit of 20 campers in accordance with General Order 8. For more information, visit <https://nationalinfantrymuseum.org/> or email Campdirector@nationalinfantryfoundation.org.

5. Panel Updates:

a. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) – Mr. Kevin Clarke briefed three incidents that occurred in Patton Village involving bullets and the measures being taken to investigate the incidents and prevent future ones. Patrols are set up within a seven-minute radius and focused on the housing areas. The DES asks Families to call 911 as soon as they hear gunfire other than the normal training gunfire. Fort Benning installed a fence line across Custer Road beyond the access point, regularly check it and as needed reinforce the fence line in the woods. Stats from access gates show that last year Fort Benning denied access to 1,461 people due to derogatory criteria such as active arrest warrants, convicted sex offenders, murder, etc. There were 336 speeding tickets issued this fiscal year. To help reduce speeding in neighborhoods, DES implemented increased patrols. For more information, visit <https://benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>.

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b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) - LTC Steven Oliver briefed the effort to maximize the use of virtual appointments to minimize traffic at MACH. There is a strict visitation policy of one visitor per patient in most incidents. The Pediatric Respiratory Urgent Care Clinic remains open for children 6 months to 18 years of age and offers the rapid flu, strep and rapid COVID tests. MACH offers COVID testing for symptomatic patients for all beneficiaries. Flu vaccinations are available for patients 6 months and older. Beginning next week, the COVID vaccine will be available to high-risk beneficiaries. MACH does not have control of the frequency or doses it receives. The COVID vaccine is available in the community and information is available at dph.georgia.gov. Visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

c. Villages of Benning – Ms. Denise Bleiler briefed about the Mayors Meeting and the need for mayors in Indianhead Village, MacDonald Manor, Upatoi Village, Davis Village and Bouton Village. Work orders are behind but a plan exists to follow up on current work orders. Villages of Benning offers a resident referral program with a \$300 referral bonus. Bulk trash pick-up is once a month beginning next week. Villages will host a Residents Week, 8 - 12 February, filled with virtual contests and prizes. The Trendsetter Award recognizes residents that are setting the trend on keeping their neighborhood looking beautiful January - March, and October - December. The Better at Benning Campaign includes a plan to catch up on work orders, better messaging, enforcement of neighborhood rules and regulations, and neighborhood upkeep. Davis Hill Road lights are due to be installed by the end of February. Widening and repaving a portion of the Riverwalk scheduled mid-February. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

d. Defense Commissary Activity (DeCA) – Ms. Patricia King briefed the events to occur at the Commissary. The Commissary has meat and cheese trays, fruits and veggie trays and pizzas as options for the Super Bowl. Please give at least a 48-hour notice for prepared trays. Candies, fresh flowers and steaks are available as options for Valentine's Day. The deadline for the Military Children Program Scholarship is 17 February. Due to a formal inventory, the Commissary closes 1 - 2 March. For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com/>.

e. Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) - Ms. Tamela McCoy stated AAFES is recruiting new associates throughout food and retail. AAFES offers a flexible work schedule and teens are welcome to apply. Keep a look out for posted holiday hour signs. Main Exchange holiday hours will be 1000 - 1700. H&R Block is operating at the Main Exchange 0800-1800 everyday by appointment or walk-in. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/> or call 706-682-0562.

f. Public Affairs Office (PAO) – Mr. Nathan Snook briefed the Digital Garrison App and explained it is interchangeable between garrisons. General Order 8 is located at www.benning.army.mil/COVID-19 or www.benning.army.mil/coronavirus. This site also has information on closures and services availability. The Spouse Employment forum is gaining more employers daily. Trusted Traveler information is at www.benning.army.mil/gateinfo. There will be an African American Heritage Celebration 24 February. For more information or

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updates, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningGarrison/> or <https://www.benning.army.mil/>.

g. Garrison Chaplain – Chaplain (MAJ) Brady Frederick briefed all chapel services except for Airborne will have in-person worship opportunities available with COVID mitigation in place starting this weekend. Facebook Live streaming of services continues. The Battle Buddy Resource Center was able to provide three Families affected by house fires with same day food support for three weeks last month. If anyone has a need or knows of someone in need of food or hygiene assistance contact your unit Chaplain or the Battle Buddy Resource Center. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/benningchaplain> or <http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/chaplains>.

h. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) – Mr. Al Gelineau briefed that if a Family is in need of a refund due to being unable to participate in a sports program to call Ms. Dorrie Wagner at 706-575-1600. MWR operating hours have changed and a complete listing of the hours is located at <http://benning.armymwr.com>. MWR offers Destin Army Recreation area in Destin, FL. Active Duty Soldiers can make reservations up to 6 months in advance at the Destin Army Recreation Villas and 4 months in advance for all other DOD cardholders. The RV Park and hotel rooms are available for reservations a year in advance. MWR is working on beautification projects at Destin. There will be a Sealed Bid Sale 8 - 9 February 0900 - 1400 for DOD ID cardholders with items such as trucks, travel trailers, golf carts, etc. The “A Better Benning Forum” on 25 February will cover topics such as primary and secondary education, fitness, recreation and housing. This meeting is for Family members, retirees and DOD ID cardholders. To participate, contact Ms. Pressley at martina.v.pressley.naf@mail.mil or call me at 706-545-1500. For more information, visit <http://www.benning.armymwr.com/>.

i. Garrison Commander - COL Matthew Scalia briefed “A Better Benning Forum” and how it collects input on installation issues/concerns. There will be a Quarterly Military Spouse Leadership Seminar in February. Residents can go to the postal service website for any issues with their postal service or let garrison know. Retirement Ceremonies have been cancelled the past couple months and more information is to come. The Riverwalk access to post is being rerouted through the access gate to have sight of who enters the installation. COL Scalia urged those who see or hear anything suspicious, to call 911. Some COVID-19 restrictions have lifted but all are required to act responsibly when in public. Only go to places that have mitigation measures in place.

6. Due Outs for Garrison and Villages of Benning:

a. Garrison.

- (1) Provide an update on Retirement Ceremonies.

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b. Villages of Benning.

(1) Provide a list of current Villages of Benning Mayors.

(2) Provide customer service contact information for Mainscape.

(3) Provide an update on a Dog Park in Patton Village.

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 is 2 March at 0930.

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CF: Panel members



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1. The February 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

CF:
Each Member