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REPLY TO  
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IMBE-MWA (608)

17 MAR 2017

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Community Activities Resource Exchange Meeting

1. Reference enclosed memorandum, IMBE-MWA, 7 March 2017, Subject: Minutes of the Community Activities Resource Exchange Meeting.
2. Subject minutes are approved/~~disapproved~~.

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13 March 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Community Activities Resource Exchange Meeting

1. The Community Activities Resource Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 1030 on 7 March, Building 7.

2. Attendees:

COL Andrew Hilmes	Garrison Commander
COL Robin Neumeier	Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH)
Timothy Seigal	Directorate of Emergency Services (DES)
Alvin Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
Kathy Barry	Villages of Benning
Samuel Somerville	Defense Commissary Agency
Sandra Bryant	Army & Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES)
Senior spouses and various unit/agency representatives	

3. The CARE meeting's purpose is informing spouses, Family Readiness Support Assistants (FRSAs), Family Readiness Group (FRG) leaders, volunteers, and civilians of Fort Benning and surrounding community events and items of interest. This month's meeting theme is "Transitioning Services."

4. Community Forum: COL Hilmes welcomed everyone back from spring break. He confirmed the first Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB) is scheduled to activate at Fort Benning in October. The first of 545 service members will arrive this summer. The 316<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade expected to grow by approximately 85 Soldiers and DA civilians by mid-summer. COL Hilmes stated the Army's strength as a whole expected to grow to around 476,000. He introduced Chaplain Hart who spoke of Easter services.

a. Soldier for Life (SFL): Mr. Kevin Aker provided an SFL program overview. He mentioned the "Connection" event the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Liberty Utilities, and Buffalo Rock Pepsi host. They have 10-20 employers looking for the right fit with their organization. The event occurs every Wednesday 1000-1400.

b. Army Continuing Education Services (ACES): Mr. Ralph Bremer spoke about ACES Career Skills Program. He elaborated on Troops to Transportation, the 18-week Microsoft Software & Systems Academy, Georgia Tech Veterans Education Training & Transition Internship, and Marco's Pizza Franchising, LLC Career Skills Program.

c. Veterans Affairs: Mr. Tony Hobbs stated they are co-located with the SFL Center. He encouraged veterans to attend their 6-hour brief to learn of benefits available to them and their Family members.

d. Department of Labor: Mr. John Irvine mentioned how his personnel assist the SFL program by providing a skills and education assessment for transitioning Soldiers. They have services online at [www.employgeorgia.com](http://www.employgeorgia.com).

e. Retirement Services: Ms. Verna Clemons spoke about the Survivors Benefit Program. Retirement briefings are twice a month, spouses welcome.

f. Transportation Office: Mr. Maurice Melton of the Personal Property Office stated Soldiers and their Families are key to successful moves. For more information on moving, please visit their office in Building 6, Room 107.

g. Red Cross: Ms. Adelaide Kirk stated their Fort Benning office is on Anderson Avenue. Their greatest mission is assisting Families who have experienced residential fires. They assist financially with lodging, food, and clothing to Families in need. The Red Cross educates children on emergencies through the "Pillow Case Project" teaching them to prepare and place emergency kits under their beds. Currently, Red Cross is going door-to-door helping Families install smoke alarms.

h. Muscogee County School Board: Ms. Darlene Register announced the lottery for pre-kindergarten. She mentioned April is open seats and hardship assignments time. If you have Families coming to the local area needing assistance, please call her at 706-748-2254.

## 5. Panel Report:

a. Garrison: COL Hilmes stated the ID Card facility will be "appointments only" starting 13 March. To make an appointment you can go to <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>. Emergency Common Access Card (CAC) service for Soldiers and Civilians is available at Building 35 on a case-by-case basis. Call 706-545-4068 for more information. Ms. Joleen Poole spoke briefly about "Ball" season. She stated Kathleen's Kloset has free dresses for those needing a gown. They are open Monday 0900-1300 and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1700-1900. Anyone departing Fort Benning may donate dresses to Kathleen's Kloset. Ms. Marla Cushing spoke about the Community Spouses Club scholarship program. Application deadline is 15 March. Last year they gave away \$35,000. The scholarships are for high school seniors only.

b. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation: Mr. Gelineau announced the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign kickoff is 9 March at 1000, in the Benning Club. A Family Campout at Kings Pond is 18 and 19 March. To reserve your spot or rent equipment call 706-545-7989. The American Red Cross will offer CPR/First Aid training to MWR patrons 15 years or older for \$90 on 25 March 0900-1700. To register call 706-844-5766.

c. Army Air Force Exchange Services: Ms. Sandra Bryant announced the Exchange remodeling is ahead of schedule, 90 percent complete. She thanked everyone for being patient during the remodeling period.

d. Commissary: Mr. Samuel Somerville announced summer jobs are available at the commissary. He stated the Commissary will move to private labeling on the shelves. More information to follow. The regional contract for the Deli Bakery is in review due to the number of complaints.

e. Directorate of Emergency Services: Chief Seigal stated they are currently resolving issues with the Trusted Traveler Program. Update to follow.

f. The Villages of Benning: Ms. Kathy Barry recommended Families living on post purchase renter's insurance to protect their assets. There were approximately 15 grease fires on post over the last year.

g. Martin Army Community Hospital: COL Neumeier announced a TRICARE App for cell phones is in the development stage. She stressed the importance of patient satisfaction and completing the Joint Outpatient Experience Survey. She stated in the future Soldiers failing to cancel their medical appointments will be charged a fee, starting with Active Duty followed by retirees. Renovations for the MACH customer parking area are coming. More information to follow. She recommended everyone visit the Army Wellness Center and educate themselves on health and wellness.

7. COL Hilmes encouraged everyone to attend Herschel Walker's presentation 14 March at McGinnis-Wickam Hall and invited everyone to the Change of Responsibility between CSM Floyd and CSM Pouliot 10 March at the Benning Club.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1140. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 April, "Awareness Months" the theme.

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