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MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, Fort Benning, GA 31905

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

1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Activities and Resources Exchange (CARE) meeting convened at 0930 on 5 May 2020 telephonically.

2. Membership Present or Represented:

COL Matthew Scalia	Garrison Commander
Mr. Alvin D. Gelineau	Director, Family and MWR
Mr. Kevin Clarke	Chief, DES
COL Eliasib Lozano	Deputy Commander, MEDDAC
Ms. Denise Bleiler	Community Director, Villages of Benning
Ms. Yvonne Kuhfahl	Store Secretary, DeCA
Mr. Don Sydlik	Main Exchange Store Manager, AAFES
Mr. Nathan Snook	Deputy, Public Affairs Office
COL Dawud Agbere	MCoE and 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 after the meeting to answer questions. Today's topic was "Summer Programs".

4. Panel Updates:

a. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) – Dr. Lisa Coleman. Digital Learning will continue through the end of school year 2019-2020. Extended School Year (ESY) will take place from 8 Jun through 10 Jul. Eligibility is determined by the school CSC/IEP team. For School registration go to www.dodea.edu/DORS/ or pick up a packet at the school lobby between 0800-15:00. The school Year 2020-2021 "Parent Calendar" is located on each schools Facebook page and the DoDEA website. First day of school for the 2020 -2021 calendar year will be 10 Aug (Kinder-8th) and 24 Aug for Pre-K. Access to the digital learning resources are located at <https://www.dodea.edu/Americas/southeast/FortBenning/index.cfm>.

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b. Child Youth Services (CYS) Michelle Caicedo- CYS is recruiting volunteer coaches. CYS is offering certification training for coaches virtually. You must be 18 years or older to be eligible. For more information, refer to the Fort Benning MWR Facebook page. CYS will accept applications for the Pre-K lottery through 12 June. This Pre-K Program is a no cost, exclusive program for children whose fourth birthday is on or before 1 Sept. There will be a Facebook Live Pre-K lottery drawing 19 June. The Pre-K lottery program hours will reflective normal school hours. For more information, please see CARE flyers.

c. NAF Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) Jamillia Copeland – NAF CPAC is operational during this time. NAF CPAC offers short term, long term and emergency hiring with competitive salaries. NAF CPAC is in the process of hiring summer and seasonal positions. Upon authorization to open facilities, new hires will be able to start work. There are multiple positions available and posted at www.usajobs.gov. For additional ways to obtain employment, contact the NAF Human Resources Office at 706-545-2833 or 706-545-2655. For more information, please see CARE slides posted on MWR website.

d. National Infantry Museum (NIM) - Alexis Belman briefed about the potential Summer camps at the NIM that are tentatively scheduled to open by 1 June. Staff for the summer programs have already been hired and are awaiting further instruction. Summer camps are separated by age groups. Please refer to the CARE slides for more information on the different camps offered or visit <https://nationalinfantrymuseum.org/>.

5. Panel Updates:

a. Department of Emergency Services (DES) - Mr. Kevin Clarke briefed about COVID-19 access control measures regarding safety. For updates regarding changes with DES, practices visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/coronavirus/>. DES is continuing to offer patrol cars for families who want to celebrate birthdays on their block safely holding "Birthday Parades". Everyone who enters the gate must continue to provide either a military ID or DOD card. DES is in the process of working on a project to reroute the river access. For more information visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/DES/>.

b. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) - COL Eliasib Lozano briefed the continued effort to provide urgent and emergency services to service members and their families. Necessary services for Soldier deployment readiness are available at MACH. COL Lozano praised the success of the two drive through pharmacy locations on post. He requested the continued use of the nurse hotline for any questions or concerns regarding health related issues. Red Cross has confirmed the cancelation of their summer youth program. Due to the success of virtual appointments, there have been discussions of keeping these practices on a permanent solution for certain health related issues. Call the appointment line to schedule your appointment. For more information visit

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<https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>. EFMP is requesting that documentation be email, fax, or dropped off at the hospital. EFMP is also providing physicals virtually; please contact them at 762-408-2423.

c. Villages of Benning - Ms. Denise Bleiler briefed about work order submissions. At this time, Villages of Benning is only responding to urgent and emergent service requests. For the winner of "Yard of the Month" see the May newsletter. All offices are open for phone calls and email. There has been an extension for the Michael Scholars foundation Scholarship applications until 13 May. Villages of Benning residents can apply at www.michaelscholars.com. For upcoming virtual events visit the Village's website and Facebook page. For more information, please visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

d. Defense Commissary Activity (DeCA) - Ms. Yvonne Kuhfahl briefed about Commissary hours for Memorial Day. On 24 May, the Commissary store hours will be from 1000-1700. For customers who are high risk specialty hours are 0900-1000. As of now, customers are required to provide a Military ID to gain access to shop at the commissary. Masks are mandatory prior to entry. For more information, see CARE flyers or visit www.commissaries.com.

e. AAFES - Mr. Don Sydlik briefed about adjustments for AAFES regarding COVID-19. He reiterated that many AAFES facilities will remain open as long as employees are willing to continue running the facilities. He requested that customers continue being patient with the changes that have been set in place to ensure proper health and safety concerns due to COVID-19. For more information, please visit <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/>.

f. Public Affairs Office (PAO) - Mr. Nathan Snook explained that the best source of up to date changes in hours, closures and operations is <https://www.benning.army.mil/coronavirus/>. There will be another Facebook town hall this week. For more information and updates, please visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/BenningCOVID19forum/?source_id=265710996909724 or <https://www.benning.army.mil>.

g. Garrison Chaplain- COL Dawud Agbere briefed about the continued adjustments of services during COVID-19. The Family and Life Chaplain is still offering services and providing assistance at this time. He encouraged Soldiers and Families to continue utilizing the Family and Life Chaplain for assistance since there was a great response from the community. For religious education, services such as "AWANA" and "Crossroads," please go to either the Facebook page or the RSO website. For more information regarding religious services visit www.benning.army.mil/garrison/chaplains.

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h. DFMWR - Mr. Alvin Gelineau briefed updates regarding MWR. The Golf course and Recreational Shooting Complex are now open. Cart rentals are not available at this time. There will be a free drive in movie 15-17 May from 19:30 to 22:30 featuring "Dr. Doolittle", to the first 250 vehicles. Sound transmission will be through the attendee's FM radio. This activity will take place at the old Martin Army Hospital parking lot. For more information and details, please visit www.benning.armymwr.com.

i. COL Matthew Scalia went over the highlights of the CARE meeting and reviewed due-outs for the panel. He stated that the gyms, and pools are under consideration to reopen to active duty personnel, however this still a topic that needs further guidance. Expect CDC's, Libraries, and playgrounds to reopen once all protective measures are set in place. The next CARE meeting TBD.

6. Due Outs for MWR:

- (1) Reimbursement for youth sports and services.
- (2) Pools reopening date TBD.
- (3) Schedule Life Guard Classes in perpetration to reopen pools.

7. For more information, see CARE flyers on the MWR Website at <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/care-community-activities-resource-exchange>.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1100. The next CARE meeting TBD.

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