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MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, Fort Benning, GA 31905

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

1. The Fort Benning Garrison Community Leaders Information Forum (CLIF) panel convened at 1030 on 2 May 2023 via Facebook Live from the Army Community Service (ACS) Auditorium, Building 7.

2. Panel Members Present:

COL Colin P. Mahle	Garrison Commander
CSM Michael D. Sanchez	Garrison Command Sergeant Major
Ms. Patricia Lamson-Poeschel	Deputy Director, Family and MWR
Mr. Joseph LaBranche	Operations Officer, DES
LTC Melinda Wallace	Deputy Commander for Administration, MACH
CH (MAJ) James Dice	Garrison Chaplain, Religious Support Office
Mr. Sam Shinualt	Main Store Manager, AAFES
Mr. Jason Maxfield	Marketing Manager, The Villages of Benning
Ms. Stacy White	Store Manager, DeCA
Ms. Jazmine Murphy	Center Operations Manager, USO

3. The CLIF panel and briefers provided valuable information for senior spouses/leaders to share with their units. Today's topic: Summer Youth Programs.

4. Ms. Sheri Peters highlighted events from the Community Calendar, Enclosure 1.

5. Community Forum:

a. Child and Youth Services (CYS) Summer Activities - Ms. Daphne Montgomery stated CYS hosts school age summer activities for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Every week for the ten weeks of summer, there are activities, field trips to Urban Air, Montgomery Zoo, Callaway Gardens, iFLY Indoor Sky Diving, etc. Go on the MilitaryChildCare.com website to request summer camp activities and select the weeks you prefer to attend. There are fees for each activity which are dependent on household income. Middle School & Teen (MS&T) Summer Camps are for sixth through twelfth-grade children. The camps host weekly themed activities such as Introductory Exploration Week,

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Anime Camp, and 4-H/ Boys & Girls Clubs of America with scheduled field trips. MS&T morning camps are offered at a nominal fee to complement the free afternoon program that allows opportunities for growth and development with our teens and youth. Youth Sports hosts summer camps for ages five through eight 0830-1000 and camps for ages nine through thirteen 1300-1430. These camps include soccer, flag football, and baseball. They have multi-age sports camp along with a speed and agility camp. Regardless of rank, there is a one-cost fee for all youth sports camps. If you need childcare for children six weeks through pre-school, visit MilitaryChildCare.com to request. CYS Parent Central will contact you once services are available. For more information, call 706-545-2079.

b. Columbus State University (CSU) Activ8 Summer Program - Ms. Samantha Miller Gurski briefed the CSU Activ8 Academy is for little geniuses ages four to seven from pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade. Camps host weekly themed events Monday-Friday 0800-1700. Activ8 Activ8ers camp is for children eight to eleven in third through fifth grade, and Activ8 Between2 Teen Camp hosts campers ages eleven to fourteen in sixth through eighth grade. Activ8 features camps are located on CSU's Main Campus and RiverPark Campus. CSU offers Computer Science, Robotics, Schwob School of Music, and several other camps. The CSU Arts Department provides a one-week pre-college intensive art program for high school students. Cougar athletic camps allow kids the privilege of working with CSU coaches and players to gain a deeper understanding of the sport and build confidence in their abilities. Before care is available for drop off 0700-0800 and aftercare pick-up 1700-1800. For more information, call CSU Continuing & Professional Education at 706-507-8070.

c. National Infantry Museum (NIM) Kids Summer Camp – Ms. Alexis van Brero Belman stated the NIM offers volunteer opportunities for both the Museum and camp programs. The NIM Kids will offer a Memorial Day mini-camp 29 May 0900-1300 for children ages 5-11. The cost is \$10 per camper. The NIM summer camp is 5-9 June, 0830-1630, with programs available for campers ages 6-9 and 9-14. Military discount offers, and scholarships are available. Children learn team building, leadership, U.S. military history, and environmental learning through a partnership with CSU Oxbow Meadows. Lunch and snacks are provided. For more information, contact Ms. Alexis Belman, Director of Youth Programs, at CampDirector@nationalinfantryfoundation.org.

d. DFMWR Tickets and Travel – Ms. Rachael Lee briefed that their mission is to make vacation dreams come true. They offer various services from amusement park tickets to vacation cruises. The office is located at 9230 Marne Road, next to the Fort Benning Commissary. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 1000-1800. All purchases are tax free. For more information, visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/tickets-travel-office> or call 706-626-7644.

6. Fort Moore Redesignation Update: – COL Mahle stated the guidance provided to everyone is that nothing will say Fort Moore before 11 May and nothing will say Fort

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Benning after 11 May, with a few exceptions such as historical items. The public will experience little to no impact on their daily actions with the ongoing changes. Some changes such as website URLs, social media sites, and City of Columbus roadway name changes, may take additional time due to external processes. Key changes are:

- The Benning Club will change to the 1918 Club.
- Benning Boulevard (on post) will change to Legacy Boulevard.
- Dixie Road will change to Ralph Puckett Parkway.
- Stonewall Road will change to 81st Division Road.

Mr. Terry Stringfellow provided an update on the 11 May Ceremony. The primary public entrance is on the stadium's northeast, east, and southeast corners from the Riverside direction of Doughboy Stadium. The alternate locations for ceremony viewing are Marshall Auditorium in McGinnis-Wickam Hall and the NIM. Entrance gates open at 0800, with the ceremony beginning at 0900. Primary seating is reserved for military units with limited seating of approximately 1200 seats available to the public. Bringing any portable seating is discouraged due to the anticipated crowd size. On 11 May at 1300, the NIM will host an unveiling and exhibit ribbon-cutting ceremony in honor of the LTG Hal and Julia Moore Family. This event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Joseph LaBranche, DES, briefed on traffic and security for the ceremony. There will be a significant transit bus movement for military trainees during the early morning of 11 May. There are no scheduled impacts to school bus pick-up routes. Roads around Doughboy Stadium will be closed from approximately 0500-1130 to allow for pedestrian and public transit movement. Public parking is available on Stilwell Field in front of the post office and various locations on Main Post, with restricted parking areas marked. Handicap parking is available on the stadium's east side near the designated main entrance. Crossing guards will be positioned to assist with pedestrian crossing of major roads. It is recommended that the Main Post residents walk to the stadium to reduce vehicle congestion. Security checks and wandings will be conducted at entrances, and all bags, backpacks, and other packages are subject to inspection. Medical services are located at the southeast corner of the stadium. For more information, call 706-545-5223.

6. Panel Updates:

a. Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) – LTC Melinda Wallace stated MACH will host a Mother/Baby Information Fair 4 May 1400-1700 in the atrium. School and sports physicals are available for beneficiaries only on 3 June, 15 and 29 July, and 12 August 0800-1300. No walk-ins will be accepted. To schedule an appointment, call 762-408-2273. The MACH summer holiday schedule has planned for minimal staffing and reduced appointments on 26 May and closed 29 May for Memorial Day Holiday. On 19 June, Juneteenth, MACH will be closed due to conducting mass casualty training. There are summer youth volunteer opportunities available for ages 16 -18. Contact Ms. Jesse

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Hudson at 762-406-0484. For more information on services provided at MACH, visit <https://martin.amedd.army.mil/>.

c. United Services Organization (USO) – Ms. Jazmine Murphy briefed the USO social media pages will change to reflect the Fort Moore name. Volunteer opportunities are available. Adult chaperones must accompany any child volunteers under the age of 18. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/USOFortBenning and <https://www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder-transition-program>.

d. The Villages of Benning – Mr. Jason Maxfield announced that Villages of Benning will change their name and signage to the Villages at Fort Moore. Other changes will include their social media pages and home page. Their pools will open at the end of May. In Celebration of Mother's Day, there will be giveaways 8 – 12 May on their Facebook page and they will host a pool party 9 June. For more information, visit <https://villagesofbenning.com/>.

e. Commissary – Ms. Stacy White announced the holiday hours for Memorial Day on 29 May, Juneteenth on 19 June, and Fourth of July are 0900-1700. The Spring Sidewalk Sale is 7-20 May 1000-1700 inside the Commissary Mall. Join the Commissary 11 May to celebrate the Fort Moore renaming starting at 1100. There will be refreshments (cookies and cake). For more information, visit <https://www.commissaries.com> or call 706-544-3965/3966.

f. AAFES - Mr. Sam Shinault highlighted that AAFES will begin selling Fort Moore merchandise starting 11 May at 0930. On 6 May, AAFES Main Exchange will host their first fitness day sports event 1100-1500. There will be giveaways as well as fitness competitions. AAFES partnered with Home Depot to offer major appliances at prices 9 percent lower than their regular price listings and the no tax benefit. On 13 May, AAFES presents a Monster Energy BMX Stunt Team event 1000-1300. On 18 May, AAFES will conduct Military Appreciation Event with the Red Bull Pitstop Challenge 1200–1500. Sun Glass Hut grand opening is 19 May, with products available now at the Main Store. In honor of the installation renaming, AAFES will have a showing of "We Were Soldiers" in the Lucas Cinema Theater on Main Post 11-14 May. All shows are free admission. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FortBenningExchange/>.

g. Garrison Chaplain – CH (MAJ) James Dice invited the community to join the Religious Support Office (RSO) 9 May to attend a special event with guest speaker Scott Rigsby 0730-0830 at McGinnis-Wickam Hall. Tickets are still available, and attendees receive Chick-fil-a breakfast. Registration for Vacation Bible School is open for the summer, 24-28 July. Check out the RSO Facebook Page or Garrison Chaplain's page for more information on upcoming religious holidays and services. Visit <https://www.benning.army.mil/Garrison/Chaplains/index.html> or call 706-545-1760.

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h. DFMWR – Ms. Patricia Lamson-Poeschel highlighted upcoming name changes, the Benning Club and Fort Benning Golf Course to the 1918 Club and Fort Moore Golf Course on 11 May. The Independence Celebration kicks off at 1700 on 24 June at York Field. This year's event has two live music acts, Black Stone Cherry at 1900 and Jameson Rogers at 2045. DJ Black Rhino Sound will entertain the crowd all night. To close the event, the MCoE Band will perform a patriotic score choreographed to an exhilarating fireworks show. More upcoming events include a Kings Pond Campout 6 May from 1400-2100. Roll with DFMWR Outdoor Recreation occurs the second Tuesday of each month starting at 1730 at Russ Pond. Family Fishing Nights are at Russ Pond monthly 1700-1800. The Breezeway Pool opens Memorial Day weekend. The CG Golf Scramble is the last Friday of each month. The Run to Remember 5K and Murph Challenge are 20 May at Doughboy Stadium starting at 0800. The MWR Long Library hosts the Summer Reading Program beginning 1 June. Army Community Service provides various educational opportunities, special events, individualized counseling services, and other offerings. Briant Wells aquatics training facilities indoor pool opened 1 May for lap swim. For more information on upcoming events, visit <https://benning.armymwr.com/#>.

i. Garrison Command Sergeant Major – CSM Michael Sanchez thanked the community for the continued support since assuming the Garrison CSM position and wished every mother a Happy Mother's Day.

j. Garrison Commander – COL Mahle closed with thanking the audience for their interaction and questions regarding the upcoming Installation Redesignation Ceremony. He stated he and CSM Sanchez are proud to be our Garrison Command Team leading this historic change. There will be a CLIF conducted in June to ensure that information continues to flow without a long gap over the summer break.

7. For more information, see CLIF slides on the MWR Website at <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/clif>

8. If you would like to provide your feedback about the CLIF (e.g., program improvements, program topic, and program speaker suggestions), please visit https://benning.armymwr.com/application/files/5616/6687/4156/FORT_BENNING_CLIF_FEEBA_CK_FORM_26_OCT_2022.pdf to access our new Feedback Form for your submission. Email your input to Eddie Kidd at Eddie.I.Kidd.civ@army.mil

9. Meeting adjourned at 1156. The next CLIF is scheduled for 6 June 2023.

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