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STILL ARMY STRONG!

NOTES FROM THE RSO
ANNA M. TAYLOR

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Greetings Retirees and Family members. It is my great pleasure to greet you as the new Fort Meade Retirement Services Officer (RSO). I took over as the RSO in June of 2010 and have enjoyed the challenges and fulfillment of the position. I recognize that in succeeding Mr. Stephen Ashley, I have very big shoes to fill and I look forward to continue working and serving the Retiree Community.

The 2010 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) was indeed a successful one and we had a huge turnout. I enjoyed meeting many of the Retirees and their family members. The addition of the Buffalo Soldier's Museum was a great attraction as well. I want to express my gratitude to my team on that day of Ms. Cynthia Johnson and Mr. Randy Byrd for helping make that day a success. I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and if you were not able to make it last year, we look forward to seeing you this year. The 2011 RAD will be held on October 7, 2011, at the McGill Training Center on Fort Meade, from 0800-1500. (See attached).

A special thank you to my staff, Donald Eisenhart, Cynthia Johnson, Lavon Gaylord, Anna Hornbaker and our newest addition to the team, Christine Hopke, for their support and dedication to the job. Also, I would like to thank the Fort Meade Retiree Council for welcoming me and being very supportive during the transition.

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**NOTES FROM THE FORT MEADE RETIREE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN –
MG ROD ISLER, (USA RET)**

Greetings to all and especially fellow Retirees and Families!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. Much has happened since our last newsletter was published in the winter of 2010 that I'm not sure where to begin. On behalf of our Council Co-Chairman, SGM Ken McCall, USA RET, let me first begin by thanking our Retiree Council for their continue support for our Retiree community and their families. Their continued dedication and support for all of us is to be commended.

As most of you know by now that we have a new Retirement Services Officer on board, Mrs. Anna M. Taylor, who joined us this past summer as Mr. Steve Ashley retired. Anna brings a wealth of experience to our Council and she is doing a wonderful job with the council and retiree community. Welcome aboard Anna and good luck! All the best to Steve Ashley and family with his well deserved retirement plans.

If you haven't notice, Fort Meade is in the middle of a major transformation and build out associated with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) programs. It seems like every day more and more buildings are going up and the traffic has increased substantially over the past several months. Our TRICARE support coverage is changing as well with the closure of Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital and the new support at Fort Belvoir and the new upgraded Navy Hospital at Bethesda, Maryland. Please stay tuned to these changes and how they may affect retiree and family support. These have been and will continue to be major topics at our quarterly Council meetings. We will try, along with FGM publications and our Council Meetings minutes, to keep all of you up to speed on these changes.

Also, these changes and other topics will be discussed at our annual Retiree Appreciation day that is scheduled for October 7, 2011 at the McGill Training Center 8AM through 3 PM. More on the agenda and festivities can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Don't miss this important event which will include information booths, Medical Screenings and more information concerning the changes to our community and how it will affect your day to day support -- early returns it will be better support than we have today!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual Retiree Appreciation Day in October. Have a wonderful summer and please be safe especially with the increased traffic and construction activities.

God bless you and your families and God Bless America.

ID CARD NEWS

Did you know that since June 1, Social Security numbers on military identification cards have started to be removed? The main reason for this effort is to protect service members and other DoD identification card holders from identity theft.

Criminals use Social Security numbers to steal identities, allowing them to pillage resources, establish credit or to hijack credit cards, bank accounts or debit cards.

If you look at your Identification card now, your Social Security number is printed on the bottom right hand corner. When you get a new card issued, your SSN will be replaced with an exclusive ten digit number assigned to you.

There is however, Social Security numbers embedded in the bar codes on the back of your identification cards and they will remain there for the time being, and will be phased out beginning in 2012.

This whole process is said to take approximately four years.

If you need to make an appointment to obtain a new ID Card you can go on line to, <https://es.cac.navy.mil/signup.pl>. Select Fort Meade MD location and select an available time.

A couple of tips to avoid long wait times are:

1. Come early in the morning. Their hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (They are closed the first Thursday morning of the month).
2. Don't wait until the day before a holiday or the day before school begins.
3. Call ahead and check the wait time. You may do this by calling (301)677-3342.
4. Make sure you have (two) forms of current identification. Drivers license (birth certificate, social security card, passport, etc.). The ID Card section cannot accept any expired cards as identification. This is not their rule but is in the DoD regulation.

FORT MEADE TAX CENTER

Tax time will be here before you know it and the Fort Meade Tax Assistance Center will be there to help. The Tax Center is located at 4217 Roberts Ave. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with some evening and weekend hours in March and April to be announced.

Free tax preparation services and electronic filing of returns will be provided for all active-duty and retired service members, as well as dependent family members. Tax preparers will assist with both federal and state returns.

Please bring the following information with you:

- Last years federal tax return.
- Your W-2 (wages and earnings statement).
- Form 1099 (interest statements from bank).
- Social Security Number for all dependents you are claiming.
- Information on child care expenses you paid last year.
- Mortgage interest statement.
- Alimony information (copy of divorce or separation agreement).
- Original power of attorney appointing spouse (or other family member) the authority to file.
- A voided check with routing number for direct deposit.
- Any other financial information from the tax year.

For more information or to make an appointment call the Fort Meade Tax Assistance Center at (301) 677-9762.

HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

FORT MEADE

POST LOCATOR	(301) 677-6261
ACS/AER	(301) 677-5590
CAMP MEADE RV PARK	(301) 677-6196
CASUALTY REPORTING	(301) 677-2902
COMMISSARY	(301) 677-7463
GUEST HOUSE	(301) 677-5660
	(410) 672-1929
HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR	(301) 677-8982
ID CARDS	(301) 677-3342
ITT (TOURS AND TRAVEL)	(301) 677-7354
LEGAL ASSISTANCE	(301) 677-9536
KIMBROUGH MED CLINIC	(301) 677-8392
POST EXCHANGE	(301) 677-7695
RSO	(301) 677-9603
VISITORS CONTROL CTR	(301) 677-1064

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

POST LOCATOR	(410) 278-5201
ACS	(410) 278-7572
CASUALTY REPORTING	(410) 306-2345
COMMISSARY	(410) 278-3101
ID CARDS	(410) 306-2389
LEGAL ASSISTANCE	(410) 278-1583
MEDICAL CLINIC	(410) 278-1719
POST EXCHANGE	(410) 272-6829
LOCAL RSO	(410) 306-2320

FORT DETRICK

ACS	(301) 619-2197
CASUALTY REPORTING	(301) 619-3286
COMMISSARY	(301) 619-2616
ID CARDS	(301) 619-6635
LEGAL ASSISTANCE	(301) 619-2643
MEDICAL CLINIC	(301) 619-7175

FAMILY PET CARE CENTER

The Family Pet Care Center offers full service grooming as well as low-cost toys and accessories for sale. FPCC also has an indoor/outdoor boarding facility and a doggie daycare program to allow the dogs to get their exercise and socialization. For more information and operating hours please call (301) 677-4059.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

Dear Retiree/Family Member,

You are cordially invited to the 2011 Retiree Appreciation Day. This year, it will be held at the McGill Training Center located at 8452 Zimborski Avenue, Fort Meade, Maryland 20755. The event will start at 8:00 am and will end at 3:00 pm. We thank you for your long devoted service to our country and to show our appreciation for all that you have done, we have designed a day with you especially in mind.

The day will start with registration and 8:00 am and then you can visit all of the different organizations that will be a part of the day. You will be able to get certain services and information from the great staff of Kimbrough Army Ambulatory Care Center. We will also have the Retirement Services Office on hand to answer any questions that you may have about your retirement. A representative from Defense Accounting Services will be on hand to take care of any pay issues that you may have as well. Every organization will be on hand to give you the most up to date information on your retirement benefits, privileges and rights.

We are pleased to be able to put today a day just for you. If you have not attended a Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Meade, I highly encourage you to come out and attend this event. You are a valued asset to the total military community and hope this event will provide an opportunity to make new friends and renew acquaintances as well as being kept up to date. Please fill out the form and make your reservation as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you there. Please call the Retirement Services Office at (301) 677-9603 if you should have any questions.

Anna M. Taylor
Retirement Services Officer

**RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY
RESERVATION FORM**

Mail to: Retirement Services Office
ATTN: IMND-MEA-HRR
2234 Huber Road
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755-5073

PLEASE RESPOND NLT 16 SEPTEMBER 2011

_____ Number planning to attend.

_____ 7 October -- Lunch at Freedom Inn Dining Facility (cost
\$4.25 - \$4.50 per person, cash only, please bring with you -
do not send in)

_____ 7 October – Medical Screening

Are you seen at Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center YES NO

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

R.A.D.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY – 7 October 2011

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Information Booths
Medical Screenings
Flu Shots

12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch at Freedom Inn Dining Facility
Cost is \$4.25-\$4.50, **please have monies with you.**

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Questions and Answers

Door Prize Drawings

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

DIRECTIONS / GATES

From North – Travel south on Rt 295 to the Jessup/Odenton exit (Rte 175). Exit east on Rte 175 towards Odenton. Turn right onto Reece Road (3rd light).

From West – Travel east on Rte 175, turn right on Reece Road.

From the East - Travel Rte 175. Either enter at the gate on Llewellyn Road (this will not permit you on to the main post) or the gates at Reece or Mapes Road.

From South – Travel North on Rte 295 (B/W Parkway) and then east on Rte 198. Take the circles at Rte 32 and come through Mapes Road entrance or drive North on 95 then east on Rte 32 to Mapes Road entrance.

DIRECTIONS TO MCGILL TRAINING CENTER

Coming from Rte 175 west or north enter on Reece Road, turn left on Ernie Pyle Road. Make a right onto Mapes Road. Make the next left onto Zimborski. Go through four way stop sign and McGill Training Center is located on the right.

Coming through the Rte 198 entrance follow Mapes to Zimborski. Go through four way stop sign and McGill Training Center is located on the right.

Be prepared for possible delays.

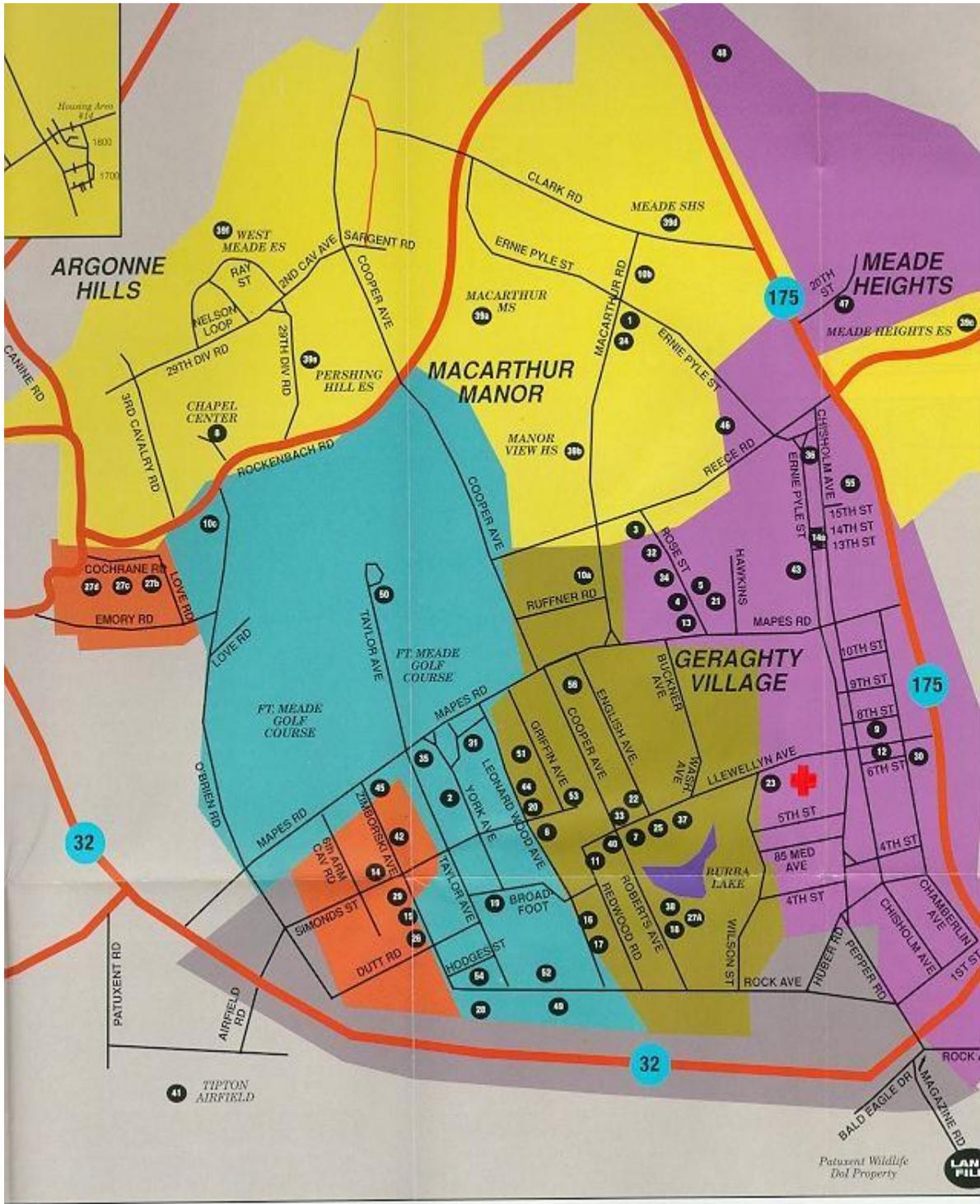
COST FOR LUNCH AT FREEDOM INN IS \$4.25 - \$4.50. CASH ONLY IS ACCEPTED. PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR LUNCH.

Please fill out the form on the following page and return it as soon as possible.

There will be breakfast refreshments but remember, some medical screenings might want you to come in fasting

JUST A FEW OF THE ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDING....

AAFES
COMMISSARY
CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME
DELTA DENTAL
AA COUNTY DEPT OF AGING & DISABILITIES
DAV
JOHNS HOPKINS US FAMILY HEALTH PLAN
MOAA
MOWW
DFAS RETIRED PAY
AUSA
LEGAL ASSISTANCE



FORT MEADE PAVILION IS BETWEEN 8TH STREET AND LLEWELLYN AVE. THE LLEWELLYN AVE GATE WILL BE OPEN FOR PAVILION ONLY.

**36TH ANNUAL
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE
RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY
McGILL TRAINING CENTER
7 OCTOBER 2011**

**INFORMATION BOOTHS, MEDICAL SCREENINGS, LUNCH AT ONE OF THE ARMY'S BEST
DINING FACILITIES (MESS HALL), GUEST SPEAKER, AND GREAT DOOR PRIZES.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.**

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