



FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND RETIREMENT SERVICES BULLETIN



FALL 2013

STILL SERVING

MESSAGE FROM THE FORT GEORGE G. MEADE GARRISON COMMANDER



**COLONEL
BRIAN P. FOLEY**

I would like to extend my warmest greeting to our Fort Meade Retiree community. I am honored and grateful to have been selected as Fort Meade's Garrison Commander. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly and I pledge to do my best to serve our Team Meade community, of which our retirees are a vital part.

Serving the Fort Meade community means serving you. There are nearly 40,000 retirees and their families living in our region and calling Fort Meade home and each is a valued asset to our Team. As military retirees, you bring an immeasurable wealth of experience and knowledge to our team. Our mission is to provide a safe, secure and efficient environment in which our retirees can receive high quality access to the benefits and services earned through service to our nation. In return I hope all in our community gain from your knowledge and experience.

As we fulfill this mission, I hope you will continue to avail yourself to the wide variety of morale, welfare and recreation programs here. We continue to improve existing service capabilities through development of our new PX (scheduled to open in late summer 2014), the recent opening of our VA clinic, and our new Wellness Center next to the Main Post Chapel on Llewellyn Road.

Without going into great detail about my values and philosophy, I will simply say that caring is important to me. I believe to be effective; you have to care about yourself. You have to care about your loved ones and about our nation.

If you care about all of these things, if it comes from the heart, I believe you can be effective at whatever you do.

This is a key message that I have presented to the garrison staff and our partner organizations. My hope is that this message will translate into a motivated and highly effective garrison and military community on Fort Meade, one that is dedicated to caring for our Retiree team-mates as closely as we care for those still on active duty.

I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you better at our annual Retiree Appreciation Day on October 18 at the McGill Training Center. I know the Fort Meade Retirement Service Office has been working hard to make this event a special day for each of you. I encourage you to complete the enclosed registration form and make October 18 a day to remember on your event calendar.

Thank you for your past service in uniform, your commitment to our nation and for being a vital part of the Fort Meade Community.



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FORT GEORGE G. MEADE RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER



ANNA M. TAYLOR

Greetings Retired Soldiers and Families,

First, I would like to thank you for your service and commitment for all of these years. We would not be where we are today without the sacrifices made by men and women like you and I thank you for your service. I hope this year's newsletter finds everyone doing well and having enjoyed their summer. This year finds our office very busy!

We are knee deep in preparing the 2013 Retiree Appreciation Day and working hard with the daily demands placed on this office. With the assistance of my dedicated staff, Ms. Lavon Gaylord and Ms. Christine Hopke, we enjoy serving our Retiree Community and stand by ready to assist you.

I would like to personally invite you to attend the 2013 Retiree Appreciation Day. This year, it will be held on 18 October 2013, 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 at 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 receive certain services and information from the great staff of Kimbrough Army Ambulatory Care Center to include flu shots. We will also have the Retirement Services Office staff on hand to answer any questions that you may have, we are here to assist you. 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 together 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 wonderful event. If you are one who attends every year, we will be so happy to see you again! You must attend to see what we have added new this year, you will be pleased. 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) 677-9603/9434/9600 if you should have any questions.

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**FORT GEORGE G. MEADE
RETIREE COUNCIL
CHAIRPERSON**



**MG ROD ISLER
(USA RETIRED)**

Happy Fourth holidays and greetings to all and especially to our dedicated Retirees and Families – still serving!

Let me begin by saying that it is hoped that this newsletter finds every one doing well and much has happened since our last publication. We cannot thank you enough for your continued service to the Army Family and our great Nation.

As in past summers, your Retiree Council is preparing for our annual Fall Retiree Appreciation Day that is now scheduled for October 18, 2013. Each year we have an important Senior Executive speak to us on our benefits and changes for our Retirees and families and the Garrison Commander will discuss changes and continued transformation activities on going at FGGM. Detailed agenda will be discussed elsewhere in the Newsletter and through special announcements over the summer from the FGGM Public Affairs. This is your Retiree Council's most important event of the year – please add this to your fall calendar.

The transformation and build out associated with the new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) programs continue and most of the new building and construction projects are on schedule. As many of you have seen, the new PX and shopping center build out is well under way. Parking continues to be problematic but these issues are temporary and I appreciate everyone's understanding as FGGM continues with major transformation activities.

On behalf of our Co-Chairperson, CSM (RET) Matlock-Williams, we look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Retiree Appreciation Day and have a wonderful and safe Fall. Again, thank you at is now scheduled for October 18, 2013.

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**FORT GEORGE G. MEADE
RETIREE COUNCIL
CO-CHAIRPERSON**

**CSM SAUNDRA MATLOCK-
WILLIAMS
(USA RETIRED)**



Greetings to all,

As you are reading this note the colors for Fort Meade Garrison has changed hands once again. Let us take a moment to thank and recognize the efforts of COL Rothstein, may your future be bright and may you and your family continue with success on the path you choose. We thank you for taking good care of Fort Meade.

Also, COL Brian Foley and family, welcome to our home. May you find the joys of living and working in the Fort Meade military community. As you may know the retirees in this area love and support Fort, Meade and take pride that it is our home base of support.

Once again, a year has come and gone, Fort. Meade has undergone many changes with more to come. MG (Ret) Isler discusses the transformation and build out of Fort. Meade. You have all read the various articles of realignment, drawdown, sequestration etc. This impacts each and every one of you in different ways.

The Fort Meade community needs your help. Please offer your time, energy and effort in helping to keep Fort Meade vital and strong. Consider becoming more active in the community; through volunteering at any number of activities around the installation. Utilize the services offered on the installation. Complete the satisfaction surveys around the community. Participate in the retiree council.

Come to the annual Retiree Appreciation day on 18 October 2013 and discover something new across the installation. Show your support!

Directorate of Human Resources

Director: Ms. Wendy Messick



From the Military Personnel Division



Adjutant General: Mr. Richard Lee
2234 Huber Road, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

Retirement Services Office

On 26 June 2013, the Supreme Court declared section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional. The Department of Defense has provided guidance for providing the Survivor Benefits Program (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefits (RCSBP) to same-sex married couples. SBP and RCSBP do not however, provide coverage for periods prior to 26 June 2013. Please visit <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/> or phone your nearest Retirement Services Office for more information.

The Fort Meade Retirement Services Office is located in room 009A/B in the basement of 2234 Huber Road. We provide numerous pre and post-retirement services. Please visit our website at http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/pages/rso/rso_svc.html to see all of the services that we provide. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at 301-677-9603/9600/9434. We look forward to serving you.



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.ftmeade.army.mil/pages/rso/rso.html

Casualty Assistance Center

The Fort Meade Casualty Assistance Center is located on the 2nd Floor of 2234 Huber Road, Room 202.

In most families, the subject of death is rarely discussed before a death occurs. Think about this: when going on vacation, you may make a list of things to remember; airline tickets, identification, passports, traveler's checks, etc. You do this to prepare yourself and family for the pending departure. With that in mind, it is also appropriate to prepare yourself and your family for your departure from this life... You may be wondering; where do we begin? What are the steps to prepare my family? More specifically, you may wonder; when should my wife/husband/child begin the survivor benefits process? Where do they go? Who should my family contact first?

The Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) is here to help with all these questions and more. Our office will complete a detailed Casualty Report notifying the Department of the Army that we have lost a Retired Soldier. We will be able to provide personal assistance to your family ensuring application(s) for benefits are completed. We will provide your loved one contact information for outside agencies that can assist as well. Please help us help you... call the Casualty Assistance Center.

Casualty Assistance Center
301-677-2206 office
301-677-6495 fax
Monday – Friday / 7:30 am – 4:00 pm



Identification Card Facility

The Fort Meade ID Card Facility is located on the main level of 2234 Huber Road. The installation ID Card Section operates mainly by an appointment system. Walk-ins are limited and will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. All Military ID cards, including those for Family Members, can be renewed 90 days prior to expiration date. Please schedule an appointment to renew your card soon after you've reached that 90-day point. This will ensure your card will not expire before it can be renewed.

Please use our on-line appointment system at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> , you will be able to see all future appointment dates and times that are available and select the appointment that best meets your needs. An appointment is required for each family member that you plan to bring. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can make an appointment via phone by calling 301-677-3342.

To be prepared to receive your new ID card, you will need to ensure you have the required documentation. The documents must be original or certified true copies. Below is a list of the most common documents you will need:

- a. Identification: Must have two forms of identification and at least one must be a Picture ID from a local, state or government agency (i.e. military ID, driver's license, or passport). The second form can be another of the above, or a Social Security card, original or certified birth certificate or school ID. If you're unsure about having the proper ID, call us. 301-677-3342
- b. Social security card or letter from the Social Security Administration Office. The letter must include your Social Security number.
- c. Divorce decree signed by the judge with legible file numbers.
- d. Marriage and Birth Certificate: Must be original document with seal intact.
- e. Adding Stepchildren: In order to add a stepchild into DEERS, we must have the original marriage certificate (even if the mother is enrolled in DEERS); original birth certificate, original social security card or letter from Social Security Administration Office.
- f. Power of Attorneys (if sponsor not available): Must be original with raised seal. Special POA must specify for DEERS enrollment/update and ID card issuance.
- g. For Common Access Card (CAC), civilians, contract employees, and military personnel must have valid AKO accounts. Contract employees must be entered into the Contractor Verification System (CVS) in order to be issued a CAC.
- h. Students over 21 years of age: Must provide proof from an accredited university, or college registrar office or national student clearinghouse at <http://www.studentclearinghouse.org> , verifying they are enrolled full time in a degree program and must include the anticipated graduation date. i. Sponsor must accompany the eligible recipient unless they have a Power of Attorney.
- i. Effective 3 September 2013, the Rapids System has been updated to add and issue ID Cards for same-sex marriage couples.





Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP)

Transition Services Manager: Mr. George Matthews



ACAP was created by the Army to provide world-class transition and job assistance services to the Soldiers and civilian employees and their family members who have selflessly served their nation. Although ACAP primarily serves active duty and Reserve Component Soldiers, Army Retirees may also utilize the program for the rest of their lives.

ACAP provides the following assistance/services:

- One-on-one Employment Assistance Counseling
- Resume writing and editing
- Cover Letter writing and editing
- Interview practice and tips
- Reference to numerous job search websites
- Employment Assistance Workshop
- Veterans Administration Benefits Briefing
- Finding Federal Employment Seminar
- Starting a Business or Starting a Business Franchise
- Referral Information to Numerous Agencies

The Fort Meade ACAP Center is located at 4216 Roberts Ave. For more information please feel free to contact the ACAP Staff at (301) 677-9871 and/or acap.meade@serco-na.com.



JOHNS HOPKINS
M E D I C I N E

Health Care Partners for More than 30 Years

What is the right gift for celebrating 30 years together? Pearls are best for a wedding anniversary. But in the case of Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP), it is simply the pride of knowing they have helped so many military families. “We are proud to have been partners with the Military Health System and serving military families for more than 30 years,” said Mary Cooke, Vice President, Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan.

Over the years, the partnership has grown beyond providing health care benefits to military families. Johns Hopkins now partners with the Department of Defense on many fronts, from joint research projects to breakthrough surgeries like the recent double arm transplant that took place at Johns Hopkins Hospital in December.

USFHP members find that same commitment to caring for military families and retirees carried out close to home at more than 100 primary care locations. “We’re pleased that we can provide choice and convenience to our members with so many doctors and specialists close to home,” said Cooke.

Several primary care locations in the Plan’s network recently earned the Patient Centered Medical Home Level 1 designation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). This designation is important because it recognizes that the practice team has passed rigorous testing and implemented specific care standards.

Equally important to meeting or exceeding industry standards for care is providing the care in a manner that makes members happy. “Our members tell us they are extremely satisfied with the care they receive through the Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan,” says Cooke. More than 92% of members are satisfied with the US Family Health Plan, compared to 66% for other health insurance plans.

The Johns Hopkins USFHP is a TRICARE Prime option for military families and retirees throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Learn more about the Plan by visiting www.hopkinsmedicine.org/usfhp or call 1-800-801-9322.

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 year's federal tax return.

You're 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.

Club Meade

Club Meade is located at 6600 Mapes Rd., Ft. Meade 20755. This facility host meetings, conferences, reunions, birthday parties, awards ceremonies, expositions, and wedding receptions. They can accommodate a wide range of group sizes; from intimate parties of 25 to large groups up to 400. The club offers everything from casual buffet style to elegant, formal dining. Call them today at 301-677-4333.



FORT MEADE COMMISSARY



Operating hours:

Monday - Friday 7:00 am (early bird only)

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 9: 00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sundays, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

FORT MEADE POST EXCHANGE

The complex houses the Main Exchange Store and a variety of concessions, including:

- A beauty shop
- A barber shop
- Jeweler and watch repair
- Flower shop
- A tailor service
- Optical shop
- Shoe shine
- Laundry and food court

Main Post Exchange

Monday through Saturday: 9:00am-9:00pm

Sundays: 10:00am-6:00pm

Authorized ID card holders may sign in a guest at the main exchange.

Phone number for the Main Exchange

(410) 674-7170

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) 677-2206
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	(301) 677-2206
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) 306-2322

FORT DETRICK

ACS	(301) 619-2197
CASUALTY REPORTING	(301) 677-2206
COMMISSARY	(301) 619-2616
ID CARDS	(301) 619-6635
LEGAL ASSISTANCE	(301) 619-2643
MEDICAL CLINIC	(301) 619-7175



**RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY
RESERVATION FORM**

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

PLEASE RESPOND NLT 15 October 2013

****If you miss advance registration, you can sign in the day of the event****

Number planning to attend. _____

18 October -- Lunch at Freedom Inn Dining Facility
(cost\$4.60 per person, **cash only**, please bring with you –
do not send in) _____

18 October – Medical Screening _____

Is Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center your Primary treatment facility? YES NO

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

**Or you may respond via email to: armyrsomeade@mail.mil

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RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FRIDAY – 18 OCTOBER 2013

Morning Session

Welcome & Registration	0800-1100
Information Booths/Medical Screening	0800-1145
Flu Shots	0800-1200
Lunch at Freedom Inn Dining Facility (\$4.60)	1200-1300

A shuttle is provided starting at 1145

Afternoon Session 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Program Agenda

Posting of the Colors	1315-1320
National Anthem <i>US Army Field Band</i>	1320-1325
Invocation <i>Religious Support Office, Fort Meade</i>	1325-1330
Retiring the Colors	
Welcome MG Roderick Isler (USA Retired) <i>Chairman, Fort Meade Retiree Council</i>	1330-1340
Introductory Remarks COL Brian P. Foley <i>Garrison Commander</i>	1340-1350
Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker MG Roderick Isler (USA Retired) <i>Chairman, Fort Meade Retiree Council</i>	1350-1355
Keynote Speaker	1355-1420

****Raffle Prizes****

Directions to 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 (Open) or Mapes Road (Currently Closed).

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

****Notes**

- As you enter the Installation there will be directional signs to the event.
- Be prepared for possible delays.
- 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.

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**38TH ANNUAL
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE
RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY
McGILL TRAINING CENTER
18 October 2013
0800-1500**

**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!**

**RETIRED SOLDIERS
MOTTO:
"STILL SERVING"**



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