

Community Information Exchange March 2025

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USAG Fort Benning



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FORT BENNING GARRISON COMMAND TEAM



COMMUNITY CALENDAR UPDATE

			March 2025			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black=Fort Benning Blue= MWR/ACS Purple= Garrison Red= Change/Holiday Green= Housing/Commur Orange= Commissary Gray=Off-Post Events		1 Custer Road Closure				
2		4 Community Info Exchange, ACS (1030-1200) Family Fishing Night, Russ Pond (1700-1800)	5 MCoE Qtr Awards, MA (1000-1100) RSO Family Night, MPC (1715-1930)	6	7	8
			Custer Road Closure		14 No School	
9	10	11	12 RSO Family Night, MPC (1715-1930)	13 Abandoned Veh Auc, MWR	DoDEA, HC, PCS	15 Shamrock Shoot, Rec Shooting Complex (1000- 1500)
					Shamrock Shuffle 5K, Infantry Bar (1800)	
			Custer Road Closure			
16	17	18 Family Fishing Night, Russ Pond (1700-1800)	19 RSO Family Night, MPC (1715-1930)	20 Tickets & Travel Expo, 1918 Club (1000-1300) Right Arm Night, Infantry Bar (1600-1800)	21	22 Kings Pond Campout, Kings Pond (1400)
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23	24	25	26 USO Peach Perfect Baby Bash, Bldg 109 (1100-1300)	27	28 CG Golf Scramble (0800 &1300)	29
30	31 SB (31 Mar-4 Apr)					

April 2025									
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6 Gold Star & Surviving Spouses Luncheon, 1918 Club (1100-1300)	7 No School; DoDEA	8	9 RSO Family Night, MPC (1715-1930) TAP Spring Hiring Event, 1918 (1100-1500)	10	11 Tri-Community Field Day, YF (0800-1300)	12 Eggstravaganza, RS (1100-1500)			
			Infantry Week						
13 LT Dan Band, WF (1500-UTC)	14	15 Family Fishing Night, Russ Pond (1700-1800)	16 RSO Family Night, MPC (1715-1930) Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, 1918 Club (1700-2000)	17 Right Arm Night, Infantry Bar (1600-1800)	18 Training Holiday; No School AL USO Military Child Celebration, Bldg 109 (1600-1800) Glow Kickball & Egg Hunt Palooza, Middle School & Teen Center (1900-2130)	19			
20	21	22	23 RSO Family Night, MPC (1715-1930)	24 ACES Ed Fair, Bldg (1000- 1400)	25 CG Golf Scramble (0800 &1300) AER Bowling Tournament, Mall Bowling Center (1330-1600)	26 Month of the Military Child Kids Fest, Blue Field (1100-1500)			
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The TAP Center is located on Marne Rd, in the Soldier for life center, adjacent to the Commissary in Building 9230

TAP Registration is Simple and Quick, in person at Bldg. 9230

(SFL Center) or call 705-545-2308/2309

or Online at: https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/ identitymanagement/app/login

Start your transition by completing your Individualized Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Counseling . Then attend workshops to learn about Managing Your Transition, MOC Crosswalk, Financial Planning, VA Benefits and Services, Employment Fundamentals of Career Transition, career planning, personal appraisals, and what a resume tells an employer.



Connect with TAP today





Careers

https://www.facebook.com/MCoETAP/



TAP Office

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Career Skills Program Administrators



Fort Benning Transition Assistance Program (TAP)



Home Page



"A successfully transitioned Soldier is the best advocate for future Soldiers" (EGP)



Army Career Skills Program (CSP)

CSP Overview:

The Career Skills Program prepares Service Members for civilian employment through first class apprenticeships, Employment Skills Training (EST), Internships, and job shadowing within a your last 180-days of service. During the participation in a CSP, Service Members will continue to earn their military pay, health care, and benefits.

Eligibility:

- Anticipated honorable separation
- Must be within 180-days of ETS/ Retirement Date
- Must have a completed DDForm 2648
- Secure Commander's Approval

How to apply

Complete TAP, obtain your DD Form 2648 Decide what CSP program you want to participate in, Max 120 days Contact CSP Team 706-545-2308



While on active duty, you are always in the window of transition, so start early, go often

TAP Center Offers:

- Weekly connection/hiring events
- Individualized initial Counseling
- Pre-Separation Counseling
- Major Hiring Events
- Website with Global Career Listings
- Facebook Page
- Follow-on Counseling
- Managing Your Transition workshop
- MOC Crosswalk workshop
- Financial Planning Workshops
- Interviewing Skills Workshops
- Civilian / Federal Resume workshop
- Managing Your Education workshop
- SBA Entrepreneurship Workshops
- Career and Credential Exploration
- DOL Employment Workshops
- VA Benefits and Services Briefings
- VA Claims support =
- Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD)
- Department of Veterans Services (GDVS)
- Transition Patient Advocate Services (TPA)
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)



TAP = TRANSITION SUPPORT

Transition With Confidence

- Include the Family: Transitioning is a family event. All classes and many services are available to help the spouse and family members through this significant event. Our counselors are here to help!
- Employment Assistance: Career opportunity guidance, professional resume writing, salary negotiation, and other transition services help you identify and secure career opportunities that are right for you, your family and your future.
- Services do not stop when you leave: Retirees receive lifetime services from TAP, normal ETS receive 180 days of additional services from TAP after separation.



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ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

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<u>Army Emergency Relief (AER)</u> Worldwide and Fort Benning

Worldwide:

 AER Provided over \$61.4 Million to over 34,516 Active Duty, Retired Soldiers and/or their Family Members

Fort Benning:

- AER Fort Benning has Provided over 2.6 Million to over 1,305 Active Duty, Retired Soldiers and/or their Family Members
- AER Scholarships Awarded in 2024 (Fort Benning) = 165 Total for \$534,000

Categories of Assistance:

- AER has over 30 categories of assistance (Car Repairs, Funeral Expenses, Special Medical Needs, Minor Home Repairs, PCS Travel, Natural Disaster, and more)
- Emergency Leave Grant Program
- 1ST Month Rent Grant Program
- Career Skills Program Grant
- Financial Literacy Program





<u>Army Emergency Relief (AER)</u> Annual Campaign

The Annual AER Campaign is held every year. This year's campaign runs from March 15 to June 15.

AER's Campaign is first and foremost about informing Soldiers, so they know where to go for Financial Assistance. (Goal: 100% Informed)

The second purpose is to give Soldiers a chance to support each other in times of financial need. (A Core Army Value)

<u>Annual AER Campaign Kick-Off Rally</u> (March 6, 2025 @11AM at 1918 Club) Active-Duty & Retired Soldiers, Family Members & Civilians are encouraged to attend this event.

Campaign Contributions Received (in 2024): \$134,969 Total Donors: 949





<u>Army Emergency Relief (AER)</u> Annual Campaign





SUPPORTING VICTORIES FOR VETERANS



Our mission



We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Connecting veterans to their earned benefits

Fighting for the rights of veterans

FIRST SESSION OF THE 118TH CONGRESS (2023)



included in legislation introduced

7 DAV resolutions were enacted into law

DAV CAN Over 670,000 actions taken

with local elected officials to support our advocacy efforts (an over 45% increase from the previous year)

Veterans legislation enacted in 2023

- Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment of 2023 (Public Law 118–6): Increased all VA disability compensation rates and the rates of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans.
- Fiscal Year 2023 Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Authorization Act (Public Law 118–8): Authorized the VA to carry out specified major medical facility projects during fiscal year 2023. The bill also provided the maximum funding levels that could be spent on each project.
- Wounded Warrior Access Act (Public Law 118–21): Required the VA to establish and maintain a secure online tool or website to enable a claimant or claimant's representative to make records requests related to VA claims and benefits. A request for records must specify in which format the copy is desired. The VA must also notify a requester within 10 days that the request has been received and must fulfill the request within 120 days.

Over

2.8 million

actions to advocate for veterans and their families

More than

\$28.4 billion

CLAIMS

3,610 benefits advocates nationwide

Over 209,000 new claims filed

303,481 claimants counseled

TRANSITION SERVICES Over 45,000 transitioning service

members assisted

INFORMATION SEMINARS

414 information seminars

17,485 attendees

- Review your service treatment records to identify conditions that may warrant disability compensation* by the VA.
- Explain the claims process, assist in completing forms, and present all claims information for you to VA.
- Represent your claims during their adjudicative and possible appeals processes.



Title 38, Chapter 1, Part 14, § 14.633 subpart (c), paragraph (2) Legal Services, General Counsel, and Miscellaneous Claims



Transition Service Officer

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FOR THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE.[™]

EXPAND YOUR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

at every stage of your military journey.

Enhance your career with the USO Transition Program. Access free professional development resources and educational certificates designed just for you! Empower yourself with the competitive advantage you need to navigate military life changes confidently from one PCS to the next and back to civilian life!

Program Support includes:

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- Education
- Employment
- Financial Wellness
- Mentorship Opportunities
- Resume Support
- Interview Preparation



Contact a USO Transition Specialist today to develop a personalized plan! USO.org/transition

USO TRANSITION PROGRAM

The USO is a not-for-profit organization and not part of the Department of Defense (DOD).



Questions and Contact Information

USO Center 6861 Wold Ave, Bldg 109 Fort Benning, GA 31905

napplegate@uso.org

USO.org/transition

ARE YOU A MILITARY SPOUSE?



Gain a competitive advantage as you navigate through every change in your military journey.

Connect with a dedicated USO Transition Specialist to share your goals for the future, explore career opportunities, create a personalized Action Plan and discover free professional development resources to help you achieve those goals. Register for the USO Transition Program and thrive wherever the mission takes you! Program Support includes:

- Career Exploration
- Job Board Resources
- Professional Certificates
- Mentorship Opportunities
- Community Connections
- Connection to Veterans
 Services



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FREE ONLINE WEBINARS

- March 6th | 11am ET

 Stand Out as a Professional
 on LinkedIn
- March 10th | 11am ET
 O Education Kickstart
- March 13th | 11am ET

 Building a Federal Resume
- March 18th | 11am ET
 TSA Career Information Session



- March 19th | 7pm ET

 Mastering LinkedIn Workshop
- March 26th | 11am ET
 - Maximizing Savings Through Investing w/ Navy Federal



Personnel Operations Branch





























PANEL MEMBERS REPORT





Directorate of Emergency Services



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DES, Police Division Police Officer Hiring, Benefits, Salary

Start (or continue) your Federal Career today!

Full qualifications and application available on USAJobs.com when announced - Search by location "Fort Benning"; Job Series "0083"

♦ GS-05 through GS-07 Developmental Positions Starting Salary: \$42,651 to \$68,686 US Citizenship with valid Driver's License Comprehensive Background Check Able to Obtain and Maintain Security Clearance Competitive Pay; 10%-Night Differential Medical, Dental, Vision and Flex Spending Applicants may qualify for Recruitment or Relocation Incentive Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) ✤5% Thrift Savings Plan Matching; Roll-over TSP from MIL to CIV Paid Holiday, Sick Leave and Vacation Time Annual Uniform Allowance \$800.00



https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/879836017/0453f3df75









Grange ACP Phase 2

Custer Road closed 26 Feb-20 Mar 25 (T)







Grange ACP Phase 2

Detour route







Cashe ACP Phase 1

11th ABN Road Closure Start Date – 05 March 25







When to Call or Text 911 ?

ONLY WHEN IT REQUIRES **emergency** and **immediate assistance** from:

- Military Police
- Fire Department
- Medical Services

The MP Station is located in Building 215, Wold Ave



Non-emergency calls for assistance: (706) 545-5222 / 5223 / 5224







Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH)

March 2025

MACH Update

Military Medical Records Request

- Medical Records: Hospital Basement, Room BC-150
- Hours:
 - Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 0800-1600
 - Thursday: 1300-1600
- Request "Complete Medical Records Request"; turnaround time ~ 45 calendar days
- Digital copy of medical records will be provided
- May need to submit a "Partial Medical Records Request" for any healthcare received between "Complete Medical Records Request" and when exit service





Medical Records Request - Tips

- Civilian Medical Records If during your time on active duty, you had any healthcare delivered outside the military healthcare system, you will need to request a copy of those records from each healthcare facility where that care was rendered.
- Upon receipt of your health records
 - Print records, one sided
 - Arrange records in chronological order

- Review your records to ensure the records contain everything. If something is missing, you will need to submit another "Partial Medical Records Request" for the missing timeframe. The timeframe is needed for this request. Also, if you know where you were during that timeframe (i.e., the military installation), that helps.

- The longer you were in service and the more healthcare you sought increases the volume of medical records you have on file. In turn, this increases the time required to process your request and the time needed for you to review your records. Plan accordingly.





MACH Update

Separation Physicals

WHO: Service Members

WHAT: Final physical

<u>WHEN</u>: Up to 12 months prior to separation date; recommended at 6 months; absolute latest is 90 days. Upon separation, will need to declare any health issues identified since separation physical.

<u>WHERE</u>: Work with PCM or respective TMC

MACH Job Listings on USAJobs (as of 27FEB25)

- Physician (Family Practice): GP-14
- Nurse (Clinical/Ambulatory): GS-11




• Memorial Day

-23 May (Minimal Staffing): Open with reduced services -26 May (Holiday): ER and Inpatient Services open

Juneteenth

-19 June (Holiday): ER and Inpatient Services open

Independence Day

-03 July (Minimal Staffing): Open with reduced services -04 July (Holiday): ER and Inpatient Services open

• Labor Day

-29 August (Minimal Staffing): Open with reduced services -01 September (Holiday): ER and Inpatient Services open





QUESTIONS?







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USO Calendar

Crumbl Cookie 2025 Tuesday March Hours M-F 9-6 Sat 10-3 Sunday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Monday 1 7 8 2 3 4 5 6 **Coffee Connections Closing Early** 10:00-11:30am 9:00am-3:00pm National Oreo Day 10 12 9 11 13 14 15 Lunch provided by **Omni Financial** 11:30am-1:00pm 16 18 19 20 21 22 17 Operation :Toddler Time (Pancake Breakfast Popcorn Friday 10:00-11:30am 9:00-11:00am All Day 23 25 24 26 27 28 29 **Special Delivery** 30 31 11:00am-1:00pm



USO Update





Join us for a High Tea experience with sweet treats, a fun craft, and a variety of teas instead of coffee! Dress in your finest tea-time attire and enjoy a charming

YOUTH PROGRAMMING OPERATION: ¥17 1000-1130 TODDLERTIME **±USO**±











USO Update









USO.org/SpecialDelivery

We welcome new and expecting moms, including active duty service members and military spouses within the first six months postpartum.







USO.org/HOLIDAYS

Share Your Feedback! March 3-May 1 2025

CHANCES TO WIN A \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

1 GRAND PRIZE WINNER of a

SURVEY

Life at Fort Benning * Family Housing

\$250 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

3 Easy Steps

TO PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK, IDEAS, AND INSIGHT

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CHECK YOUR INBOX

Search your inbox or spam folder beginning March 3rd. Email is sent to the primary email on file from <u>ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com</u>.

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

Click the link provided in the email. Follow prompts to provide feedback, ideas & insights regarding living in The Villages at Fort Benning. Survey is voluntary and results are confidential!

SUBMIT & ENTER DRAWING

Click SUBMIT at completion and automatically be entered in our CEL DRAWING. Drawings will happen once a week for the first 5 weeks, so the earlier you get it done the more chances you have to win! The grand prize winner will be chosen after the survey closes on May 1



If you did not receive or misplaced your link, please email CEL Associates directly

(<u>ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com</u>) requesting a NEW LINK. You must state INSTALLATION NAME and FULL ADDRESS including Unit numbers/letters to ensure only 1 survey is done per household.

KEY DATES March 12: Drawing #1 March 19: Drawing #2 March 26: Drawing #3 April 2: Drawing #4 April 9: Drawing #5 May 3: Grand Prize Drawing!

OMB Control # 0704-0553 OMB Expiration 5-31-25





Your Commissary...It's Worth the Trip!



Fueling Stations: New grab-n-go Dietitian Approved Fueling Stations are a great source for quick, on-the-go snacks

Grab-n-go Dietitian Approved Fueling Stations are a great alternative to the drive thru or can be used as a quick way to stock office and barracks fridges with quick, on-the-go, snacks and meals. We know that "fueling for performance" is a key concern for our military community when it comes to the importance of nutrition and diet on overall readiness. These stations are full of Dietitian Approved snacks and meals that are nutritious and high-performance foods





Now even more savings on the items you love!

"Your Everyday Savings!" (YES!) just got better! We're lowering prices even further on the items our customers purchase most. You can enjoy YES! items whether you're stateside or OCONUS. Our goal is to have our customers save \$25 for every \$100 you spend at your commissary.

Hundreds of items including milk, eggs, fresh meats, bananas, cleaning products and much more are available for great savings.

Just look for the bright orange YES! label in store to start saving now!

BUILD your Basket with us!



EASTER SUNDAY April 20, 2025 Normal Hours of Operation 1000-2000

Easter Candy is now available at your Fort Benning Commissary



ProCamps for Kids Competition Details on this year ProCamps event will be coming out soon.



EXCHANGE ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE



AAFES Updates



Located next to the Commissary Hours / Mon-Sat 0800-2000, Sun 1000-1900 Phone: 706-225-8830

Harmony Church (Bidg 4109) BARBER SHOP ShOP Closed for Remodel 3-11 Mar Sorry for any Inconvenience!

Sand Hill and Mini Mall Barber Shop Remodel complete.



NEW FT. Benning EXCHANGE SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES







OASIS CREATE THE BACKYARD OF YOUR DREAMS



Outdoor Living Grand Opening Saturday 29 March 1100-1400

amazon pickup & returns

COMING SOON AAFES Updates Launch date for the Ft. Benning Main Exchange – 11 March



National Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony at the Ft. Benning Main Exchange Saturday 29 March 1100-1300



QUESTIONS ?

THANK YOU !





Garrison Chaplain



"Servant Leaders Serving Leaders"



Main Post Chapel 08JAN – 21MAY

Dinner: 5:15-6:00 pm

AWANA: 6:00-7:30 pm

Adult and Teen Bible Studies: 6:00-7:30 pm

How to Donate:

Individual & group donations: Items can be dropped off at the BBRC during our operating hours or you can contact the BBRC to make arrangements for larger donation drop off.

Monetary donations: Monetary Donations can be made through the Religious Support Office under Operation Helping Hands (OHH).

Interested in donating your time? Contact the BBRC for more information on how to become a volunteer!

We accept:

- Non-perishable, unopened food
- Unopened/unused hygiene products
- Unopened/unused household items
- Unopened/unused baby items

PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR A LIST OF DONATION IDEAS The Battle Buddy Resource Center is a food & hygiene pantry under the Fort Moore Religious Support Office, Chaplains, and Chapel Congregations.

It is available to all DOD ID card holders, living on Fort Benning > and in the surrounding areas, with a Chaplain referral.

The BBRC seeks to communicate compassion, hope, and support to the community.

If you are in need of assistance, please contact your Chaplain.

You can also call the BBRC at (706) 545-4817 or email us at battlebuddyresourcecenter@ gmail.com for more information.

After duty hours and on holidavs, please contact the ^{Fort Benning} staff duty desk at (706) 545-2218 or (706) 626-1871 to reach the 24 hour oncall Chaplain.

VISIT US AT:

BATTLE BUDDY RESOURCE CENTER

"Combating Hunger One Can At A Time"

CHAPLAIN REFERRED FOOD & HYGIENE PANTRY 6831 VIBBERT AVENUE BUILDING 16 FORT BENNING, GA 31905 (706) 545-4817



Office Hours: Tuesday 1100-1300 Wednesday 1730-1930 Thursday 1800-2000 Or

By Appointment

<u>Hygiene</u>

Shampoo and Conditioner Body Wash 3-1 Men's Body Wash Hand Soap

Household Dishwasher Tabs Dishwashing Liquids Bleach Spray Multi Purpose Cleaner Glass Cleaner Disinfectant Spray Disinfectant Wipes Laundry Soap Cleaning Powder Bleach Parchment Paper Plastic Wrap Aluminum Foil Toilet Paper

Baby Items

Diaper Size 4, 5, 6 Pull-Ups Size 2T-ST & ST-4T Children's 3-1 Body Wash Baby Wipes (No Fragrance)

Food Items

Nutella Granulated Sugar Dill Pickles Pepper Salt Ketchup Sweet Relish Mayo Mirade Whip Vegetable Oil Olive Oil **BBQ Sauce** Salsa Ranch Coffee Coffee Filters Honey Box Ramen Cake Icing Cereal Granola Bars Oatmeal

FORT Benning CHAPEL SERVICES

Worship Service	Service Time	Location
Crossroads	11 a.m. (Sunday)	Main Post Chapel
Gospel Service	10:30 a.m. (Sunday)	Sightseeing Road Chapel
Muslim Service	1245 (Friday)	BLDG 974
Roman Catholic	12 p.m. (Mon-Fri)	Main Post Chapel
Roman Catholic	9 a.m. (Sunday)	Main Post Chapel
Roman Catholic (Spanish)	2:30 p.m. (Sunday)	The Infantry Chapel
St. Paul's Cross	9 a.m. (Sunday)	The Infantry Chapel
Airborne Chapel Service	9 a.m. (Sunday)	Airborne Chapel
Traditional Service	11 a.m. (Sunday)	The Infantry Chapel
Wednesday Family Night	5:15 p.m. (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel



Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation







DFMWR Update







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SAVE THE DATES! APRIL 12: Spring Eggstravaganza APRIL 13: Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band Concert



CLOSING REMARKS



FORT BENNING GARRISON COMMAND TEAM



Stay tuned to the Fort Benning Garrison social media platforms for April updates!

*No in-person Community Information Exchange in April

The next "In-Person" Community Information Exchange is 6 May 2025 at 1000, ACS Auditorium