



THE  
**FORT DETRICK WEEKLIES**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS AND TRAINING

Sept. 3 – Oct. 3, 2020

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**FORT DETRICK IS CURRENTLY AT FPCON BRAVO+.**  
**FOREST GLEN ANNEX IS CURRENTLY FPCON BRAVO+.**

If you have any article submissions you would like considered for the Fort Detrick website please send them to [usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil).

**USAG Fort Detrick on Social Media**

You can follow USAG Fort Detrick on social media for daily updates and information. On Facebook go to [www.facebook.com/DetrickUSAG](https://www.facebook.com/DetrickUSAG) and “Like” us, or follow us on Twitter: @DetrickUSAG.

As a reminder, all social media sites must be registered with the U.S. Army. For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, all visitor centers and gates EXCEPT Nallin Farm Gate at Fort Detrick and Brookville Gate at Forest Glen will be closed on the following day:

**Monday, Sept. 7, 2020.**

\*\*Vetting operations at Fort Detrick for all Holidays will occur at Nallin Gate.\*\*

\*Nallin Farm Gate and Brookville Gate will be open 24/7.\*

**For updates and materials on COVID-19 visit:**

<https://home.army.mil/detrick/index.php/covid-19-information>

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:**

**IF YOU CAN NOT MEET PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS OF 6 FT THEN FACE MASKS/COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED.**

**THE TRUSTED TRAVELER PROGRAM IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ALL VISITORS WITHOUT DEPT. OF DEFENSE ID OR PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION (PIV) CARDS ARE REQUIRED TO BE VETTED AT NALLIN FARM GATE. THIS GATE IS OPEN 24/7.**

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- **Hatch Act Training Available for Employees**

Army personnel, Soldiers and civilian employees swear an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. It is important that all Army personnel are aware of and understand the permissible and impermissible political activities for Soldiers and civilian employees respectively. Employees should view the thirty-minute video on permissible and impermissible political activities presented by Chief Ethics Counselor Larry Wilde. To access the training, click here:

<https://www.milsuite.mil/video/watch/video/33017>.

- **Suicide Prevention Month began September 1. We are asking the Fort Detrick community to show their support by signing the pledge (electronically) via E-Invite:**  
<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=565224&k=0767470B7953>

### SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH!

The Department of Defense 2020 Suicide Prevention Month Campaign Kicks Off with an Emphasis on Connectedness!

The Department of Defense is committed to preventing suicide among Service members and their families. Suicide prevention is a DoD priority throughout the year, but during September — Suicide Prevention Month — the Department brings added attention to the complex issue of suicide and emphasizes the resources and supports.

This year's campaign slogan, **Connect to Protect**, highlights the important role connections to family, friends, the community, and resources can play in preventing suicide. Research indicates connectedness is a protective factor that can reduce the risk of suicide, while loneliness and feeling like a burden can be suicide risk factors for some individuals. The 2020 Suicide Prevention Month tagline, Make it Your Mission to #BeThere, reinforces everyone – leaders, Service members, and families – can play an active role in preventing suicide

Our Army Substance Abuse Program has organized ways in which the Fort Detrick community can support suicide prevention throughout the month of September 2020:

SIGN THE PLEDGE:

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=565224&k=0767470B7953>

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Take the Suicide Prevention Month #ConnectToProtect Pledge and encourage your coworkers, friends, and family to do so, as well. Each one of us has a duty to protect one another – now more than ever. Make a promise today to #BeThere!

- **Labor Day Run Virtual Run Competition/Challenge**

Requirements

Units select 5 person teams.

- Run can be conducted anywhere
- Teams can consist of Military and Civilian and Dependents.
- Submit GPS verification to the Fort Detrick Facebook page NLT 8 Sept.

Run must occur between 3 – 7 Sept.

Rewards

Three win categories:

- Fastest Team
- Fastest Walking Team
- Highest % of Unit Participation

Winners will be announced on 11 Sept via the Fort Detrick Facebook page.

Units can enter more than one team

- **Effective Aug. 17, when entering the installation, all vehicle occupants must be wearing face masks/coverings or you will be denied entry. The exception is if all passengers are family members.**
- **The Fort Detrick and Forest Glen Housing town halls originally scheduled for this month are rescheduled to September 2020.**

The Glen Haven Apartments and Townhomes Housing town hall is taking place Thursday, September 10 at 6 p.m.

The Fort Detrick housing town hall will occur on Tuesday, September 15 at 1 and 6 p.m.

Both town halls will take place via Facebook Live. <https://facebook.com/DetrickUSAG>

Prior to the town halls please feel free to share any questions or topics you would like to discuss directly to the Public Affairs Office at: [usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil)

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- **Service Members and Army Civilians**

With the fall election quickly approaching, it important we all know what we can and cannot do as far political activities. The attached one page slide is a quick and easy reference on what we can, must, and should do, contrasted with what we cannot do regarding political activities. Everyone is encouraged to review and become familiar with the slide



### For Active Duty Military

**CAN**

Express your opinions and participate in peaceful non-partisan public demonstrations when OFF-DUTY and NOT in uniform.

**CAN'T**

Engage in partisan political activity or act in a manner that could imply Army approval or disapproval of any political party, campaign or candidate in a partisan election.

Actively participate in a public demonstration that is organized by a political party, campaign or candidate.

Actively participate in a public demonstration that is likely to become violent or a breach of the peace.

**MUST**

Follow all orders and directives about specific activities that may be issued by appropriate civil and military authorities or found in the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

**SHOULD**

Review Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, Department of Defense Instruction 1325.06 and Army Regulation 600-20 for basic guidance concerning participation in protests and other political activities.

**CAN**

Remember you represent the Army when you are on- or off-duty; be wise with the use of your social media accounts to express your personal views.

Donate money, sign petitions and express your personal opinions when you are off-duty and not in an official capacity.

Follow, friend or like a political party or candidate running for partisan office on a personal social media account, when off-duty.

**CAN'T**

Post, share or link to material from a partisan political party, group or candidate, even when off duty. This restriction also applies to "Further Restricted" civilian employees, such as members of the Senior Executive Service.

All Army Team members should **Think, Type, Post:**

**Think** about the message being communicated and who could potentially view it.

**Type** a communication that is consistent with Army Values.

**Post** only those messages that demonstrate dignity and respect for self and others.

### For Army Civilians

**CAN**

Express your opinions and participate in peaceful non-partisan public demonstrations, when OFF-DUTY and NOT wearing an official uniform or identifying badge.\*

**CAN'T**

Engage in a political activity in a manner that could imply Army approval or disapproval of any political party, campaign or candidate in a partisan election.

**MUST**

Follow all orders and directives that may be issued by appropriate civil authorities.

**SHOULD**

Review the provisions of the Hatch Act of 1939 (5 U.S. Code Sections 7321-7326) and Office of Special Counsel guidance concerning permitted and prohibited political activities.

\*The rules regarding political activities for a limited class of employees, such as members of the Senior Executive Service, may be more restrictive.

### Social Media

**CAN**

Post, share or link to material from a partisan political party, group or candidate, when off-duty and not in a government building, but not to subordinates.

Friend, follow and like a political candidate when off-duty and not in a government building.

Identify a political affiliation on a personal social media profile.

**CAN'T**

Post partisan political articles, websites or political cartoons, memes or gifs while on-duty, in a federal building, or using a government computer, including on a personal device, during your duty hours.

Refer to your official title or position while engaged in political activity on social media.

Suggest or ask anyone to make financial contributions whether on- or off-duty and whether or not using an alias.

Link to the political contribution page of any partisan group, or like, share or retweet a solicitation, including an invitation to a fundraising event.

Engage in political activity on an account that is used for official business.

### Resources

Hatch Act: <https://osc.gov/Services/Pages/HatchAct.asp=x>

Hatch Act Social Media Guide: <https://osc.gov/Documents/Hatch%20Act/Social%20Media%20Quick%20Guide.pdf>

DoD Directive 1344.10: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodd/134410p.pdf>

Army Social Media Guidance: <http://www.army.mil/socialmedia/soldiers>

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- **Change to Online Safety Course**

The Employee Safety: Rights and Responsibilities (ESC) course is replacing the Employee Safety Course in the ALMS Course Catalog. Students already enrolled in the Employee Safety Course have until 30 September 2020, to successfully complete the course to receive credit.

- **The Chapel is operating at 25% capacity for Sunday services.**

9:15 a.m. Catholic Mass

11 a.m. Protestant Service

Below are the links for Sunday services.

Protestant Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/FortDetrickChapel>

To sign up for Chapel Services please visit <https://allevents.in/frederick>. In the search bar on the top right, type Fort Detrick Chapel. This will take you directly to the sign-up for services page. We thank you for your efforts in signing up to ensure we are not exceeding capacity levels.

Catholic Link: [www.holyfamilyfd.org/](http://www.holyfamilyfd.org/)

- **Locations for COVID-19 testing in MD:**

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing/>

- **Employment Opportunities Within US Army Garrison Fort Detrick**

The Garrison is currently recruiting to fill multiple vacancies. Those vacancies include:

USAJOBS ANNOUN OPEN DTE	USAJOBS ANNOUN CLOSE DTE	POSITION TITLE	PP-SERI-GR
5-Aug-20	5-Oct-20	Child and Youth Program Assistant	CY-01/02
2-Sept-20	8-Sept-20	CYS Training Specialist	NF-04
27-Aug-20	10-Sept-20	Motor Vehicle Operator (FLO)	WG-5703-07
2-Sept-20	7-Sept-20	LD Child and Youth Program Assistant (Lv 5)	CY-02
28 Aug-20	3-Sept-20	Firefighter (Basic Life Support/HAZMAT Tech)	GS-0081-07

To view our openings please visit USAJOBS or click on the link below.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/Results?l=21702&k=Fort%20Detrick>

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- **Quarterly Retirement Ceremonies**

USAG Fort Detrick conducts Quarterly Retirement Ceremonies honoring retiring Service Members, and Civilian employees and their families. These ceremonies are held on the second Thursday of the second month of each quarter in the auditorium, building 1520 at 10 a.m.

Any Military at Fort Detrick or in the local surrounding community or Civilian employees who wish to participate should contact Tom Yocklin with the Directorate of Operations by calling (301) 619-2503. The deadline for participants to be included is two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Below are scheduled retirement ceremonies for the next 2 years.

\*Nov 05, 2020 /Feb 11, 2021 / May 13, 2021 / Aug 12, 2021/ \*Nov 10, 2021

\* Due to National Holiday, ceremony not scheduled second Thursday of the second month.

## **FAMILY MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION**

### **Child and Youth Services**

- **School Age Center**

Effective 31 August

Monday-Friday, 0600-1800

955 Sultan Drive

Virtual School Support throughout the entire school day for all grade levels. For more information please contact the center at 301-619-2901. To register please call Parent Central Services at 301-619-7100. Spaces available.

### **Army Community Service**

- **New Parent Support Program & Military Family Life Counselor**

Friday's 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Virtual Playgroup

Virtually on Zoom. Please email [wynnj@magellanhealth.com](mailto:wynnj@magellanhealth.com) to obtain your invitation to the virtual group. Your email will be used for the group invitation only and no other purposes.

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For more information please call 301-619-0323. Craft materials will be distributed on Monday's from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Chapel, 1776 Ditto Ave, and 3-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, 1520 Freedman Drive, room 125

Playgroup is intended to increase social activity amongst military families with small children, encourage support of one another, educate parents, decrease the likelihood of child abuse, and educate children on appropriate social skills relevant to their developmental stage. Each week there is a theme with arts & crafts, stories or songs, and other activities to get the imagination of children blossoming.

- **Family Advocacy Program & Military Family Life Counselor**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month starting 11 August 2020, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Virtual Home School Activity Group

Virtually on Zoom. Please email [wynnj@magellanhealth.com](mailto:wynnj@magellanhealth.com) to obtain your invitation to the virtual group. Your email will be used for the group invitation only and no other purposes. For more information please call 301-619-0323. Craft materials will be distributed on Monday's from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Chapel, 1776 Ditto Ave, and 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Army Community Service, 1520 Freedman Drive, room 125.

The Home School Activity Group is intended to increase social activity amongst military Families who home-school their children, encourage support of one another, educate parents on local resources, decrease the likelihood of child abuse, and educate children on appropriate social skills relevant to their age and stage of development. Each week there is a theme with an activity ranging from arts & crafts to life skills.

- **Financial Readiness – Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)**

9 September 2020, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.  
1520 Freedman Drive, auditorium

Training on the fundamental of understanding the TSP. Review the functions of the website to ensure that Service Members know how to utilize. Training on how the TSP is important to your life now and long term. For more information, please call 301-619-3455

- **Financial Readiness – First Termer Spend Plan Training**

15 September 2020, 8-9 a.m., 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.  
1520 Freedman Drive, auditorium

To train & educate Service Members on developing a spend plan, budgeting, saving, and making appropriate use of their saving towards retirement. The training is also designed to

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provide tools to assist service members and their Families from making in appropriate purchases. For more information, please call 301-619-3455

- **Army Community Service Lending Closet**  
1520 Freedman Drive, ACS Room 125

ACS Lending Closet provides basic household items to borrow short term to assist transitioning Soldiers and their families who are arriving to/departing from Fort Detrick Due to COVID 19, an appointment must be scheduled to utilize the lending closet For appointment call: 301-619-3249/7453/6364

Transitioning Soldiers/Government Employees who are new to Fort Detrick may need to borrow items while their household goods are being transported. This service assist clients from having to go buy things that they already have but haven't arrived yet. Basic household goods include dishes, pot and pans, small appliances, air mattresses, babies' cribs, folding tables and chairs, dog crates, vacuum cleaners and other items.

### Community Recreation

- **Odom Fitness Center**  
1507 Porter Street  
Monday-Friday: 6-9 a.m. ACTIVE DUTY ONLY (PT UNIFORM NOT REQUIRED),  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. open to Active Duty, DOD civilians and their dependents and retirees. At this time, retiree dependents are not authorized.  
Dependents must 15 years or older to access the Fitness Center.  
For information, please call 301-619-2498
- **Auto Skills Center – Self Help Bay Usage and Hours Change**  
Effective 9 September  
Wednesday-Saturday: 0900-1700 & Sunday 1200-2000  
1431 Sultan Drive  
By appointment only. Bay Fee \$8 per hour, every other bay available with safety protocols in place. Face masks required. For more information please call 301-619-2759.
- **Indoor Pool**  
Effective 28 September  
1507 Porter Street  
Monday - Friday 0600-0900, (Lap Swim only). Recreational and lap swim: Monday – Friday,  
1100 – 1300 & 1500 – 1800. Two lap swimmers per lane, multiple same family members per lane for recreational swim. Swimming access will be limited to one hour per

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patron/family if there is a waiting list. Free for Active Duty performing PT/lap swim. Cost: \$5.00 for authorized users and \$6.00 for guests or 30 day individual pass: \$20 and 30 day family pass: \$45/ Punch cards will be available for \$50.00 for 20 punches. Entrance will be from the rear emergency exit doors to the pool.

- **Dog Swim**  
30 September 2020  
1700-1800 & 1800-1900 to allow maximum opportunity to participate  
839 Chandler Street  
Cost \$7 per dog, per session. You must pre-register and pre-pay by calling 301-619-3950 prior to 28 September.
- **Event: Holiday Craft Fair Vendors Wanted**  
18 November 2020, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Odom Fitness Center, 1507 Porter Street  
Looking for crafters, knitters, woodworkers and painters to be vendors in our annual Holiday Craft Fair. \$35 cost covers a 10 x 10 space. \$15 extra for 2 tables and 2 chairs. For more information please call 301-619-2564.
- **Nallin Pond Pavilion Reservations**  
Nallin Pond Recreation Area  
To use the pavilions at the Nallin Pond Recreation Area for groups of 10 or more, reservations are required. For additional information, please call 301-619-2892.
- **\*UPDATE\* Pet Kennel and Doggie Day Care**  
By appointment only, Monday-Friday, 0700-0900 and 1500-1730 for curbside pick-up and drop Saturday and Sunday for overnight lodging by appointment only  
121 Hamilton Street  
For appointment, please call 301-619-3950.  
Daycare: \$23 daily  
Lodging cost varies  
Fun weekly events
- **Event: Fort Detrick 2020 Army Ten Miler, Virtual Edition for active duty Service Members Run must be completed 11-18 Oct 2020.**  
Location of participant choosing using a tracking app supplied by the ARMY Ten Miler.  
Cost: \$59. For more info, call 301-619-2564.

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## BARQUIST CLINIC, DENTAL AND PHARMACY UPDATES

- **Barquist Clinic & Pharmacy closure for September**  
Sept. 4: Reduced hours (DONSA) – closes at 11:30 a.m.  
Sept. 7: Labor Day holiday – closed all day  
Sept. 18: Reduced hours (Training) – closes at 11:30 a.m.

## TRAININGS

- **Local Hazards Training**  
The monthly Local Hazards classroom training is canceled until further notice. The Installation Safety Office is requesting that Supervisors provide the briefing found here: [https://homeadmin.army.mil/detrick/application/files/8115/9076/3433/Local Hazards New Employee 2020 - Modified.pdf](https://homeadmin.army.mil/detrick/application/files/8115/9076/3433/Local_Hazards_New_Employee_2020_-_Modified.pdf), to their new employees and forward the last page to the Safety Office as proof of training. For questions, please contact the Safety Office at (301-619-7318 or email at [usarmy.detrick.usag.list.ismo@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detrick.usag.list.ismo@mail.mil)). Thanks for your cooperation.

## In Our Communities

**Frederick:** <http://www.visitfrederick.org/events> and <http://www.celebratefrederick.com>

**Silver Spring:** <http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/calendar>

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