



The Fort Detrick Weeklies

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If you have any article submissions, you would like considered for the Fort Detrick website please send them to usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@army.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.

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- To view our job openings, please visit USAJOBS or click on the link below:
<https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/Results?l=Fort%20Detrick%2C%20Maryland&d=AR&a=ARB&p=1&s=agency>
- **Reminder from the Fort Detrick Fire Department:**
If you have an emergency on the installation, please dial 9-1-1. With the help from our county colleagues, calls are immediately dispatched to us here with details about the call, location, and necessary needs. If you call the Fire Department directly, you are dialing a non-emergency phone line.
- **From the Fort Detrick Military Personnel Division.**
Attention Fort Detrick Military Community, please be advised that the Fort Detrick Military Financial Management Analyst will be out of the office from March 20- April 20, 2026. For any financial briefings or to schedule an appointment during this period, please contact the Bethesda Finance points of contact below:

Contact Person	Office Phone	Email
Mr. Philip Anderson	301-400-1057	philip.r.anderson4.civ@army.mil
Mr. Brian Bayes	301-400-1057	brian.n.bayes.civ@army.mil

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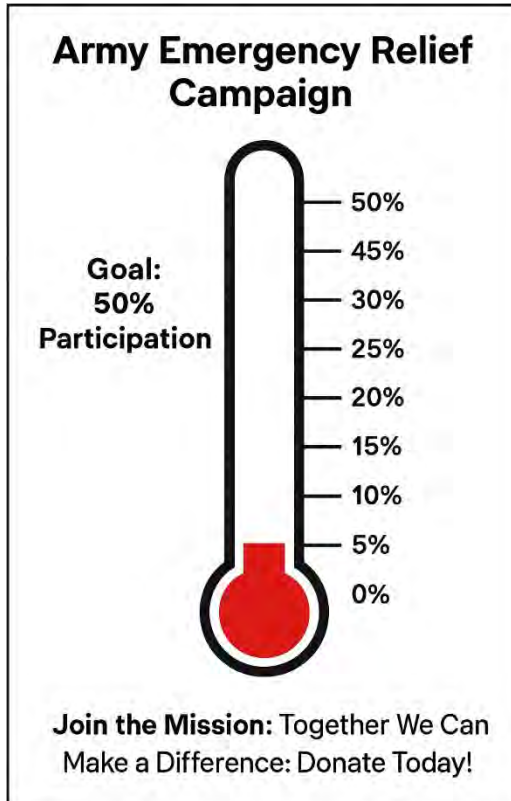
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- The 2026 AER Campaign is officially underway: **Spring into Action!!**



Fort Detrick we're at 5%....our goal is 50%...let's get to it and **SPRING INTO ACTION.**

Spring is here, and so is the opportunity to make a difference. Fort Detrick is known for its generosity, and now's the time to prove it. For our Active-Duty Soldiers, the goal is 50% participation this year. But **ANYONE** can donate! We need **YOU** to help us get there. Whether it's a one-time gift or a payroll deduction, your contribution helps Soldiers and their families in times of need. Let's keep the momentum going—donate today and be part of the mission!

How can you donate? If you prefer to donate online you can scan the QR code on the flyer attached or click on the link here.

https://give.armyemergencyrelief.org/site/TR/Events/General?company_id=1051&pg=company&fr_id=1060

Or if you prefer to donate via check or cash, you can drop donations off to:

Rodger Knepper, AER Program Manager.

1520 Freedman Drive, Room 125A

USAG Fort Detrick MD 21702

Desk: (301) 619-3455

Email: rodger.e.knepper.civ@army.mil

Did you know that you can donate again at AAFES? When customers check out at AAFES here on Fort Detrick and select to give AER it goes direct to the Fort Detrick Campaign!!



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- **Barquist Army Health Clinic Updates:**

Reduced Hours and Clinic Closures:

17 APR: Barquist Closed (1200-1600) – training afternoon

22 MAY: DONSA – no Sick Call

25 MAY: Memorial Day – Clinic closed

19 JUN: Juneteenth Holiday – Clinic closed

26 JUN: Barquist Closed (1200-1600) – training afternoon

14 JUL: Barquist AHC Change of Command – Closed (1200-1600)

Upcoming Events:

- Nicotine Cessation Program – Call 301-619-8783

Basic Life Saving Training Dates: April 16, May 14

Enrollment deadline is 2 weeks before the course date. Please ensure BLS Eligibility Form is completed & emailed to the POC prior to course entry. Please contact Ms. Burns for availability, registration, and questions.

Priority is given to Barquist staff. Additional slots are only available to Active-Duty Service Members and DOD Civilians. POC: Maylis Burns, (301) 619 – 2275, maylis.n.burns.civ@health.mil

TRAININGS:

Local Hazards Briefing

Location: Bldg. 1520, Classroom #5C

Class Hours: 2-3:30 p.m.

Dates:

29 APR 26	18 MAY 26	23 JUN 26
27 JUL 26	24 AUG 26	28 SEP 26
26 OCT 26	16 NOV 26	15 DEC 26

Description: Local Hazards Briefing meets the intent of DoDI standard 6055.04 and AR 385-10, 24 July 2023, Chapter 13, Section 13-18. The course fulfills a requirement of the Army Traffic Safety Training Program (ATSTP) and is mandatory for all new civilian and military personnel. This briefing orients all newcomers to the local driving hazards, laws, and regulations of the surrounding areas.

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Who Should Attend? All newly assigned Fort Detrick civilian and military personnel.

Course Manager: Mr. Humberto Rivera (301) 619-3295, usarmy.detrick.usag.list.installation-safety-management-office@army.mil

Installation Safety Office Main Number: (301) 619-7318

NOTES: Individuals who require special services or accommodation due to a disability should advise this office immediately (wheelchair access, interpreter, etc). **NOTES:** Individuals who require special services or accommodation due to a disability should advise this office immediately (wheelchair access, interpreter, etc.)

FY 26 TARP Face to Face Training – All sessions at 1 p.m. Building 1520 Auditorium.

Note Training starts promptly at 1 p.m. allowing a 5 min grace. If you arrive after that time, the rosters will NOT be available for signing and you will NOT be credited for attendance.

CY 2026 Dates:

April 14	May 19	June 16	July 21	Aug 18	Sept 22
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- Traffic Advisory**

Location: Forest Glen Annex, Building 156 area, Stephen Sitter Avenue

Dates: March 18, 2026 - May 30, 2026

Reason: Demolition of Building 156

Drivers should expect changes to traffic patterns and the presence of road flaggers. Please obey all posted signs and exercise caution when driving in this area.



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Upcoming Basic Skills Education Program Dates

BASIC SKILLS EDUCATION PROGRAM (BSEP)

@FORT DETRICK EDUCATION CENTER

Reasons to Enroll

- ❖ Increase General Technical (GT) score for Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) reclassification
- ❖ Establish for commissioning programs
- ❖ Prerequisite for attendance in career development courses, such as Non-Commissioned Officer Education System (NCOES)
- ❖ Improve basic skills for college courses
- ❖ Increase chances for promotion

UPCOMING BSEP DATES:

- ❖ March 9– 27, 2026
- ❖ April 27 – May 15, 2026
- ❖ August 3 – 21, 2026
- ❖ September 21 – October 9, 2026
- ❖ November 2 – 20, 2026

To **REGISTER** for classes, please contact our BSEP instructor: Ms. Angela Sutsakhan@301-619-2854 or angela.s.sutsakhanctr@army.mil

- **Fort Detrick Housing Requirement and Market Analysis and Survey** – Hopefully you were able to attend the Meet and Greet to hear more about the survey and fill it out...BUT if not we are still asking for your support!

The Housing Requirements and Market Analysis (HRMA) at Fort Detrick that will occur over the next 30-45 days, and we strongly encourage your participation in the associated survey (QR code in the attached flyer).

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The HRMA is required by law every 5 years to ensure that the private sector rental housing market is assessed for both suitability and availability. This assessment is based on specific standards related to affordability, location, features, physical condition, and the housing requirements of our total military population.

The data gathered from this analysis will be instrumental in helping the Department of War make informed decisions regarding housing for our service members and their families, and to identify and address any areas where there is a need for additional housing.

We ask for your support to share this information widely within your commands and directorates to encourage **all available military personnel** who reside both on and off-post to participate in the survey.

Your support and the input from our military members will have a lasting impact on the quality of life for our service members and their families at Fort Detrick.

We want to hear about your housing experiences!

**FORT DETRICK
MILITARY MEMBERS**



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NEWCOMERS COMMUNITY ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE!!!



WELCOME NEWCOMERS!!!

Auditorium, 1520 Freedman Drive, USAG Fort Detrick

Sign-in begins at 1000hrs, event begins at 1030hrs

~~January 21, 2026~~

~~February 18, 2026~~

April 15, 2026

May 20, 2026

June 17, 2026

July 15, 2026

August 19, 2026

September 16, 2026

New Soldiers, civilian employees, and your Families!
USAG Fort Detrick has partnered with many state and county agencies, as well as local organizations, to provide information on their programs, activities, and upcoming events. All will have representatives so you can personally meet the individuals assisting you and your Family while here at Fort Detrick!

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE IS ADA COMPLIANT

For more information, or to register, call 301-619-6364 or visit:

<https://armyeitaas.sharepoint-mil/IMCCOM-ID-S-USAG-Detrick/SitePages/Newcomers-Orientation.aspx>



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2026 Medical Museum Events

The National Museum of Health and Medicine is open Wednesday - Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For tour programs, call:
(301) 319-3312

Please request ADA accommodations at least two weeks in advance at (301) 319-3303 or by scanning the QR code below:



NATIONAL
MUSEUM
OF HEALTH AND
MEDICINE

2500 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 319-3300
medicalmuseum.health.mil
 @medicalmuseum

Lecture Series

2 p.m.

JANUARY 11 | Fighting Ebola: 10 Years Since the West African Epidemic
MAY 3 | The Body's Keepers: A Social History of Kidney Failure and Its Treatments
AUGUST 2 | Think It Over, Soldier: Combating Venereal Disease During the World Wars
NOVEMBER 15 | So Others May Live: Army Aeromedical Evacuation Operations in the Republic of Vietnam, 1962-1973

Family Friendly

MARCH 21 | Brain Awareness Day | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
APRIL 25 | Veterinary Medicine Day | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
JUNE 13 | Bugapalooza | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 19 | Teddy Bear Clinic | 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
OCTOBER 24 | Scout Day | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Public Tours

2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15 | Presidents Day Tour
MAY 24 | Memorial Day Tour
NOVEMBER 11 | Veterans Day Tour

Virtual Events

MARCH 26 | Brain Awareness Program: Sleep and TBI
MAY 7 | Nurses Week Program

Some of our events may be available virtually. Check our website and social media channels, @[medicalmuseum](https://twitter.com/medicalmuseum), for updates.

Dates are subject to change. Visit medicalmuseum.health.mil for updates.
(Current as of December 2025)

Background Image: Large format histology slide of a femur with osteosarcoma. AFIP 1407778

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FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM

Build a Strong Financial Future

Take control of your financial future with our trusted and comprehensive financial planning services.



Financial Readiness Program (FRP)

- **FRP:** offers education, counseling and support services to assist active and retired Soldiers, their Families and DA civilians with their financial affairs. FRP services trends.
- **FRP Services:** are geared toward building financial resiliency, living within means and financial planning for the future.
- **Mission:** to reduce indebtedness, prevent financial vulnerability, increase knowledge on personal finance, and to build wealth and financial resiliency through an array of personal finance classes and one-on-one counseling.
- **Vision:** a community of Soldiers and Families who are financially stable, resilient, living within their means, and building wealth for their future.



We welcome Family members and DA Civilians to attend all of our classes/ seminars



Services Include:

- Individual financial counseling
- Debt Liquidation assistance
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Credit Report reviews
- Couples financial counseling



Classes & Seminars offered:

- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)
- Budget Development & Record Keeping
- Consumer Credit
- Saving and Investing
- Planning for Retirement
- Car Buying
- Home Buying Process

Take the first step towards a secure financial future.

Contact us today for a personal financial counseling session, the financial readiness course schedule or if you need emergency financial assistance:



Fort Detrick
Army Community Service
Financial Readiness

1520 Freedman Drive, Suite 125

+301-619-3455

usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.acs-frp@army.mil

Upcoming Classes

22 Apr – Budgeting for PCSing @ 10am
14 May – Car Buying Tips @ 2pm
27 May – Car Buying Tips @ 10am
For additional information or to register call 301-619-3455.

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SAAPM 2026

SHARP

TRAIN THE TRAINER (T3)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

TRAINING DATES & TIMES

APRIL 2ND, 2026 🕒 0800 - 1100	APRIL 7TH, 2026 🕒 0800 - 1100	APRIL 16TH, 2026 🕒 1300 - 1600
APRIL 21ST, 2026 🕒 1300 - 1600	APRIL 30TH, 2026 🕒 0800 - 1100	

LOCATION:
201 BEASLEY DR., BLDG 243 RM 105

FOR FURTHER DETAILS & SIGN UP, CONTACT:

Ms. Ella I. Greene ✉ Ella.greene4.civ@army.mil	OR	Mr. Christopher Chatman ✉ Christopher.e.chatman.civ@army.mil
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LEAD. EDUCATE. PREVENT.

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STAND UP, STEP IN, SPEAK OUT!

SAAPM SHARP CHALLENGE

Teal Toss: Step Forward

"Name one safe "Step Forward" action you can take if you see a situation starting to feel unsafe."

Step Forward Shootout

The SHARPshooter

Football Toss

Blurred Lines: Choose Your Path

Beer Goggles Maze

Test Your Skills • Learn

Mini Hoop Challenge

APRIL 22ND, 2026
On Blue & Gray Field
1100-1300 hrs
Test Your Skills • Learn • Have Fun!

Who: Unit 5-person team (no SHARP personnel can compete)

Show up and compete! Wear running shoe and appropriate exercise attire.

For more information or to register please contact 301-619-2837 or ella.greene4.civ@army.mil

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FORT DETRICK DENIM DAY

SAAPM 2026 | Wear denim to show support for survivors and challenge victim-blaming myths

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 29, 2026

Why Denim Day?

Denim Day is an internationally recognized SAAPM observance. It began after a 1999 Italian Supreme Court decision overturned a rape conviction based on the victim's clothing, sparking protests in which people wore jeans in solidarity.

Show your support by:

- Wear professional, appropriate denim.
- Add a teal accent (pin, ribbon, lanyard).
- Challenge myths - reinforce dignity and respect.
- Share #DenimDay (as allowed).

Dress Guidance (Army)

Participation is voluntary. Per Army guidance, commanders and appropriate authorities may authorize Soldiers to wear jeans for Denim Day in accordance with AR 670-1.

If you wear denim:

- No rips, tears, cut-offs, or heavy fading.
- Wear at the waist (not below).
- Professional top + duty-appropriate closed-toe footwear.
- Follow supervisor/chain guidance.

WEAR DENIM • SHOW SUPPORT • LEAD WITH RESPECT

A visible stand against sexual violence and the myths that fuel it.

Fort Detrick: How to Participate

Where/When:

All day - Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Fort Detrick (workplace approved).

Local policy:

Follow the Fort Detrick Installation SHARP Command Policy and supervisor/chain guidance. Wear workplace-appropriate denim.

Need Help or Info?

DoD Safe Helpline

877-995-5247
SafeHelpline.org

Unit SARC/VA • SHARP Office • Chaplain
Immediate danger: 911 / Military Police

Sources: Army Denim Day Memo (11 Feb 2025) • DenimDay.org • Fort Detrick Policies & Memos • DoD SAPRO Safe Helpline

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JOIN THE FORT DETRICK SAAPM STEP CHALLENGE!



Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month



WALK FOR AWARENESS. STEP FOR PREVENTION.

TRACK YOUR STEPS & SUPPORT AWARENESS!



WHEN:

28 APRIL 2026



GOAL:

**YOUR BEST
EFFORT**



PRIZES:

**AWESOME REWARDS
FOR TOP STEPPERS!**

LOG YOUR STEPS & JOIN THE FUN!

APRIL 28TH, 2026

BLUE & GRAY FIELD 1100-1300 HRS

RAISE AWARENESS • GET ACTIVE • MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Come out and join us for some fresh air, exercise, and camaraderie in support of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

Stop by the information booth to meet your SHARP representatives.

For more information,
call 301-619-2837 or 7387

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ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE
ACS
Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

FORT DETRICK 2026 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

You are cordially invited to join us for the 2026
Volunteer Recognition Ceremony where we
will acknowledge all 2025 Volunteers.
Please join us for a beautiful and inspiring event!

Food and refreshments will be served

APRIL
FRIDAY **17** 12:00 PM
2026

Event location: Community Activity Center
1529 Freedman Drive

RSVP BY MARCH 30, 2026
BY PHONE: 301-619-2197, 301-400-0174
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

www.detrick.armymwr.com
www.facebook.com/DetrickMWR
www.instagram.com/detrickmwr

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302D SIGNAL BATTALION
PRESENTS

KIDS CLOTHING AND TOY SWAP

Donate gently used or new clothes or toys
and bring joy this season.

DONATION DROP OFF: BLDG
1520, ROOM 126
TUESDAYS 1000-1130
THURSDAYS 1500-1630

SWAP: AMAZING KIDS FEST
Friday, April 10, 2026 - 1500 to 1800
Blue and Gray Field, Fort Detrick

For Questions, Please email
302dsfrg@gmail.com



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ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF
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Empowering Soldiers, Enhancing Lives
2026 Annual Campaign

March 1 - June 14





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- **Full Scale Exercise 29 April**

Fort Detrick will conduct a Full-Scale Exercise 29 April that will test capabilities, Standard Operating Procedures, organization Emergency Action Plans, and response and recovery capability within the Emergency Operations Center and response entities. There will be little disruption to the installation. However, you will see an increase in police and first responder activity across the installation, please stay alert and pay attention to detours and changes in traffic patterns. For additional information contact the Installation Emergency Managers at beth.a.bolish.civ@army.mil or 301-619-2652 or tasizcha.castro.civ@army.mil or 301-619-3305.

- **Attention Commissary Patrons:**

Beginning April 6, the Commissary will charge for single use bags. Below are some FAQ's

Why is the Commissary charging for single-use bags? This change will allow the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) to continue to offer its eligible patrons significant savings while strengthening our fiscal stewardship.

When does this change take effect? April 6, 2026, in all Commissary locations.

How much will bags cost? \$0.05 per plastic bag / \$0.10 per paper bag

Can I still get paper or plastic bags? Yes. Single-use bags will continue to be available for a charge at cost, both in-store and through Commissary CLICK2GO®.

What if I forget my reusable bags? Single-use and reusable bags are available in-store and through Commissary CLICK2GO®. Find your favorite reusable or hot/cold bags through Commissary CLICK2GO®.

How are bags counted in Self-Checkout Lanes? Our self-checkout lanes will prompt you for the number of bags used at the end of the order.

Does this apply to Commissary CLICK2GO® orders? Yes. Bags used for pickup or delivery orders will be included in your total. The number of bags used will appear on the receipt provided to you when you receive your order. Have your own bags? No problem! Simply tell us prior to checkout or in the notes section at the conclusion of your Commissary CLICK2GO® order.



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How are the number of bags used determined? Our team carefully packs orders to use only the bags necessary while ensuring your items are protected.

Are single-use bags refundable? No. Single-use bags are non-refundable, as they are single use only.

How can I avoid paying for bags? Bringing your own reusable bags is the best way to avoid purchasing single-use bags. Simply present your bags at the start of your instore checkout or in the notes section at the conclusion of your Commissary CLICK2GO® order.

CARRY ON SMARTLY

Starting April 6, the Commissary will charge for single-use bags.

Patrons are encouraged to bring reusable bags or purchase reusable options available in-store or via Commissary CLICK2GO®.

BAG CHARGE
\$0.05 per plastic bag
\$0.10 per paper bag

commissaries.com



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VETERINARY MEDICINE DAY



Explore the museum's veterinary medicine and comparative anatomy collections!

- Meet military and community veterinary experts.
- Learn about STEM career paths.
- Explore learning stations that may include facility animals, laboratory science, food safety and inspection, zoonotic diseases, and veterinary medical training.

Recommended for children ages 11+. Scouts and non-Scouts are welcome to attend.

This event is free!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

10 AM - 12 PM

Please request ADA accommodations five business days in advance at (301) 319-3303 or by email to:



NATIONAL
MUSEUM
OF HEALTH AND
MEDICINE

2500 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 319-3300
medicmuseum.health.mil
f @medicmuseum

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9 April 2026 – 9 May 2026

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- **A message from Hood College – opportunities to boot your professional skills.**

If you are looking to boost your professional skills, we invite you to **enroll in a Hood College course as a degree or non-degree student**. You can transfer up to 6-9 credits towards a [graduate degree](#), or take the course independently as a [non-degree course](#) to add to your career portfolio. To register as a non-degree student, click [here](#).

Also, as a [NeighborHOOD partner](#), you get up to \$1000 graduate tuition remission per academic year once you are enrolled in a graduate program. We are currently accepting [applications](#) for summer and fall 2026.

As part of our non-degree student experiences, we offer Skill Accelerator badges. These badges cover several focus areas, including business, computing, counseling and trauma, community and belonging, biotechnology and education. These digital badges are short, focused, competency-based credentials that provide in-demand skills, knowledge and experience. If you are interested in pursuing a Skill Accelerator badge, please visit [here](#).

To learn more about our graduate certificate and master’s/doctoral programs including our programs in Health Informatics, and Counseling doctoral, **you are cordially invited to attend Hood’s upcoming virtual graduate admission cafe event on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at noon or 5:30pm** to learn about our affordable & flexible graduate non-degree, certificate, and degree programs. Register [here](#) for the virtual graduate admission café to learn more, or email gofurther@hood.edu. We hope to see you there!



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RIGHT ARM NIGHT Hosted by the Fort Detrick SAMC



Right Arm Night is a long-standing Army tradition among military members in which leaders invite a key subordinate from their staff to get to know their supervisor in a more relaxed, informal environment.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF COMARADERY
AND ESPIRIT DE CORPS

30 APR 2026

1630-1800

THE JOHN R. WEBB
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
(VFW POST 3285)
5951 OLD NATIONAL PIKE
FREDERICK, MD 21702

(NOTE CASH ONLY IF A NON-MEMBER)

Audience:

Enlisted: E7 and above

Officer: O2 and above

Civ: GS-11 and above

Note: Personnel serving in positions
of the above ranks are welcome.

NOTE: Weekly announcements will be sent out every Thursday. If you have an announcement you would like to include, please send the information to
usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@army.mil or call 301-619-2018.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Frederick County Health Department

Youth and Family Voice Committee

YOUR VOICE MATTERS – HELP SHAPE WHAT COMES NEXT

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Frederick County youth and young adults ages 12-21
- Parent, guardians and family members of youth

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Share what's really going on for you and your family
- Learn more and help improve behavioral health programs and services in Frederick County
- Connect with others and make a difference
- Get food and a gift card for your time

WHAT TO EXPECT

- In-person meetings at the Frederick County Health Department (350 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702)
- A welcoming, respectful space
- Opportunities to share ideas and feedback

LOGISTICS/PERKS

- Food will be provided at each meeting
- Participants will receive a \$25 gift card after each meeting as a thank you for their time
- Interpretation services are available as needed

Interested?



Scan the QR code to
learn more or complete
the interest form

For further information: Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HUB

Fort Detrick Child and Youth Services Presents



AMAZING KIDS FEST



Come join us April 10th
1500-1800 at the Blue and Gray Field

Plenty of fun activities from Bounce Houses
and Talent Shows to Obstacle Courses and
more! A Lending Closet will be on site to
donate or take home needed goods

For more information, contact Parent and Outreach Services at 301-619-7100



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School Support Services

A Driving Force for Student Success

Virtual

PARENT WORKSHOP

**21 May 2026
1800 - 1900 EST**

*Don't Wait for the New
School Year!
Start preparing TODAY!*

Topic: Kindergarten Here We Come

Future Topics

- Military Interstate Compact Children's Commission (MIC3) - online only
- Taking the Stress out of Testing (April)
- Setting Healthy Media Limits (May)
- **Kindergarten Here We Come (May)**
- College Ready (June)
- Advocating for your Child (August)
- Parent Teacher Conference (October)

- Handouts will be emailed to participants prior to the workshop
- Facilitator:
Fort Detrick's School Liaison Officer
- Pre-registration required

To register for this workshop, scan the QR code below and complete the form.

Register by 15 May 2026

SCAN ME!

Register Today!



The meeting link will be emailed to you a few days before the workshop.



The purpose of this workshop is to help prepare parents for kindergarten by identifying ways to determine if a child is ready for kindergarten, identifying ways parents can help their child become successful in kindergarten, and by outlining how to prepare for the first day of kindergarten.



For more information or to register for this workshop, contact the School Liaison Officer.
Tel: 301-619-7143
Email: detrick_schoolliaison@army.mil



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School Support Services

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Fort Detrick– SLO Newsletter

April 2026

Vol. 2 Issue 7

HAPPY MONTH

OF THE MILITARY CHILD!



In this issue:

- Month of the Military Child (MOMC)
- Youth Sponsorship Program
- Upcoming Events
- Community Events
- Inspirational Quote
- Contact Information



There are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service.

Military families move on average every two to three years, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks.



UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

FALL 2026 – School Transition Response Team (STRT) Meeting

ATTENTION all Military Families, please consider completing this survey so that we can learn about any school transition challenges you have experienced to date. If you can attend the meeting in the Fall, wonderful, but if not, your voice still matters. Please consider scanning the QR code to share your concerns and ideas.

FCPS

April 2nd – Report Cards Issued

April 3rd -10th– Spring Break (**SCHOOLS CLOSED**)

COMMUNITY

April 16th – Art at Night: Teen Writing Club of the Maryland Writer's Association

PRICE: Free

TIME: 1900-2000

WHERE: The Delaplaine Arts Center

40 S. Carroll St.

Frederick, MD 21701

April 23, 2026 – Teen Library Council (TLC)
ages 11-18

PRICE: Free

TIME: 1830-1930

WHERE: Urbana Regional Library

9020 Amelung Street

Frederick, MD 21704

April 25th – Early Start New Bookmobile Ribbon Cutting at the Children's Festival (All ages)

PRICE: Free

TIME: 1000-1500

WHERE: Baker Paker

121 N Bentz St.

Frederick, MD 21701

April 27th – How to Build a 1500+ SAT Score Strategy (ages 11-18)

PRICE: Free

TIME: 1830-1930

WHERE: Urbana Regional Library Anthony M.

Natelli Community Room

9020 Amelung Street

Frederick, MD 21704



The YSP is a program that provides support for youth in transition due to PCS orders. This program matches a sponsee with a sponsor pre-arrival so that students feel more comfortable and confident about their move. Students can become familiar with their new school and community by engaging with their sponsor.

A sponsor's task is to communicate with their sponsee on a regular, supervised basis. Upon arrival, sponsors will provide their sponsees with the support, friendship, and sense of belonging they need to thrive in their new community. If you would like your student to become a sponsor, please feel free to reach out. Join us for our next parent interest meeting using the meeting information below.

Click [here](#) for the youth sponsor application.

Click [here](#) to request a youth sponsor.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Military kids say goodbye more often in their first few years than some people to in a lifetime."

— **The Military Wife and Mom**

Contact Information

School Liaison Officer

Email

detrick_schoolliaison@army.mil

Phone

301 - 619 - 7143



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Substance Misuse Prevention

Please ensure you are also completing the annual ACE requirement.

**5 MAY 2026 @ 1000
VIRTUAL**

https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetup-join/19%3adod%3ameeting_4fc90599f60b4b47ac088b7d9cecefa%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fae6d70f-954b-4811-92b6-0530d6f84c43%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c7d5f1af-4e2c-4e64-a48f-696cdd0958fc%22%7d

Trainings are on a first come, first serve basis. Contact: morgan.c.lawson4.civ@army.mil

Directorate of Emergency Services

Fire & Emergency Services Division

Fort Detrick/Forest Glen



As warmer weather nears Fort Detrick FE&S along with NFPA offers 6 key tips to safely tackle spring cleaning

Melted snow, budding trees, longer days: they're all signs that the warmer months are nearing. For many of us, these seasonal hallmarks are reminders to start spring cleaning in and around our homes.

As people power up their lawnmowers, rake up debris, touch up chipped paint, and take on myriad projects to get their homes and yards ready for the months ahead, following are six key practices and supporting recommendations to help minimize the risk of fires and associated hazards:

Properly use and store gasoline

- ❖ Use gasoline only as motor fuel, never as a cleaner or to break down grease.
- ❖ Only store gasoline in a container that is sold for that purpose and never bring it indoors, even in small amounts.
- ❖ Never store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in a detached garage or an outdoor shed.
- ❖ Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use.

Carefully dispose of rags with paint and stain

- ❖ The oils commonly used in oil-based paint and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air as the rags dry, the heat is trapped, builds up and can cause a fire.
- ❖ Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. When you're finished using the rags, take them outside to dry, keeping them well away from the home and other structures.
- ❖ Hang rags outside or spread them on the ground and weigh them down so that they don't blow away.

- ❖ Put dried rags in a metal container, making sure the container is tightly covered. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution, which will break down the oils.
- ❖ Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place out of direct sunlight and away from other heat sources. Check with your town for information on how to properly dispose of them.

Use/store flammable and combustible liquids with care

- ❖ Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame.
- ❖ Never smoke when working with these liquids.
- ❖ If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- ❖ Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.
- ❖ Use and/or share our Safety with oily rags tip sheet, which includes the above tips and more.

Inspect grills to ensure they're in good working order

- ❖ Inspect your grill carefully and make sure it's free of grease or fat buildup. Clean out any nests, spider webs, or other debris you may find.
- ❖ For propane grills, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.

Keep debris well away from your home

- ❖ Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., with more people living in communities where wildfires are a real risk.
- ❖ Dispose of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings to reduce fuel for fire.
- ❖ Remove leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on or under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- ❖ Remove dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first five feet of the home.
- ❖ Move construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.

Clean out your clothes dryer

- ❖ Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe for your dryer is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. This includes making sure the outdoor vent flap is not covered by snow.

- ❖ Move things that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, away from the dryer.
- ❖ Clothes that have met flammable substances like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fort Detrick Fire Prevention Office at (301) 619-6000.

Matt Spencer

Assistant Chief of Prevention
Fort Detrick/ Forest Glen Fire & Emergency Services



Spring Cleaning

for **Fire Safety**



Inside The Home



Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.



Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords.



Check for water around electrical appliances.



Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct.

Outside The Home



Remove dead leaves and other debris around foundations, decks, porches, and stairs.



Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use.



Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building.



April is Alcohol Awareness Month



To find resources and support, visit ownyourlimits.org.

Want to check your drinking habits? Scan the QR code above.



KNOW WHEN TO CALL

9-1-1

DON'T DELAY, CALL RIGHT AWAY!



FIRE EMERGENCIES

-  Smoke or Fire
-  Explosion or Gas Leak
-  Hazardous Materials Incident

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

-  Chest Pain or Heart Attack
-  Difficulty Breathing
-  Severe Injury or Illness
-  Unresponsive Person

WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL 9-1-1!

CALL 9-1-1 DIRECTLY FOR FAST HELP

- ☒ Get Immediate Assistance
- ☒ Provide Accurate Information
- ☒ Save Valuable Time



FORT DETRICK FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

DON'T HESITATE – CALL 9-1-1!

Disabled American Veterans
Service Officer

Disabled American Veterans Service Officer Assistance for Service Members, Veterans, their Spouse/Widow, and/or Dependents is provided at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

The monthly Fort Detrick schedule for the DAV Service Officer at the **Community Support Center, Room 134, Building 1520, Freedman Drive, Fort Detrick, MD.,** is listed below.

SCHEDULE **Community Services Building, Room 134, 1520 Freedman Dr., Fort Detrick**
Appointments Scheduled 9:30am – 3:00pm

<u>APRIL</u>	Friday, April 17, 2026
<u>MAY</u>	Friday, May 15, 2026
<u>JUNE</u>	Friday, June 19, 2026
<u>JULY</u>	Friday, July 17, 2026
<u>AUGUST</u>	Friday, August 21, 2026
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Friday, September 18, 2026

Appointments preferred! Walk-ins may be seen if time is available between appointments, **Please Note:** Set-up times may end early if no further appointments are scheduled that day, please call 301 331 0091 before you walk-in.

To schedule an appointment call **(301) 842 2562 or (301) 331 0091**, or contact me by email at **michelobqt@yahoo.com**. If you call and receive the unavailable message, please leave your name and a call back phone number.

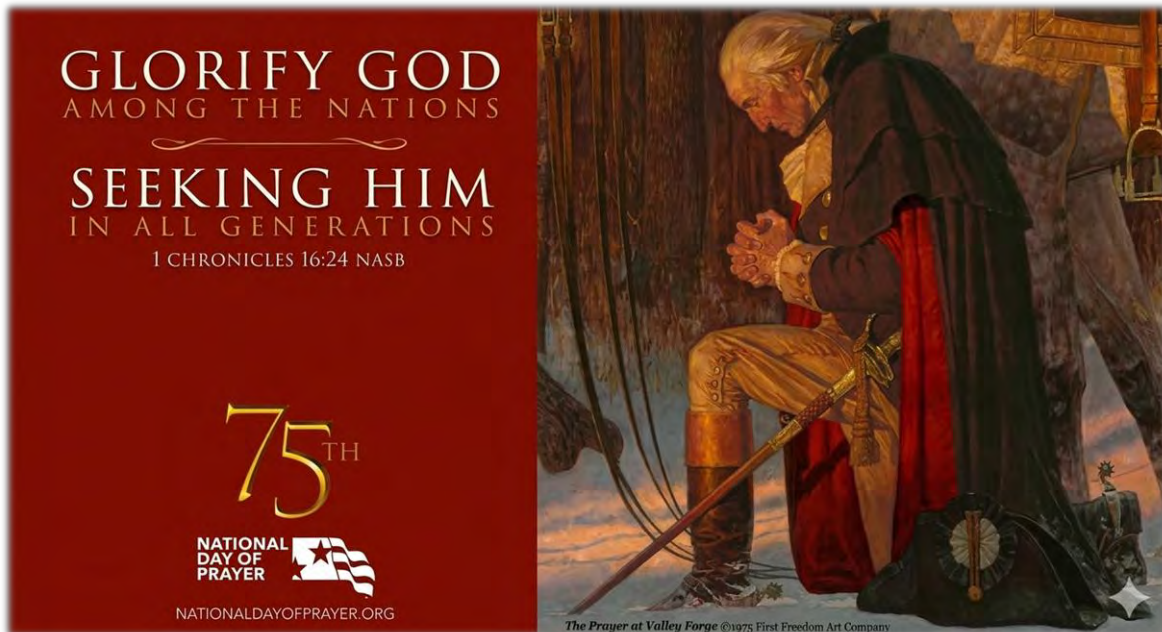
This is a free service provided by the DAV to all Service Members, Veterans, their Spouse/Widow, and/or Dependents.

Respectfully, Ernie Unger
Disabled American Veterans
Service Officer

Please publish as you feel appropriate.

Note: Dates may change due to inclement weather, illness or medical appointments. I will send notification should this occur.

Save the Date!



You are invited to **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

The Fort Detrick Garrison Religious Support Office coordinates a Prayer Breakfast for the Fort Detrick Community. It will be held at Fort Detrick Chapel from 0700-0800. Free Breakfast will be provided.

FIVE Ws:

- **WHO:** Fort Detrick Community
- **WHAT:** National Prayer Breakfast
- **WHERE:** Fort Detrick Chapel
- **WHEN:** 08MAY26 from 0700-0820
- **WHY:** To pray for the Fort Detrick Community, Country, Peace for the world
- **Guest Speaker :** CH (COL) Shin, Light

Question? Call the Chapel at 301/992-0015
Please **RSVP NLT April 29, 2026** by sending an email to:
usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.chapel@army.mil