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Team Meade **UPDATES** A WORKFORCE NEWSLETTER



Team Meade Update Newsletter - #8



Hello Team Meade! *TM Updates* gives you information and insight into all things Fort Meade and how your current leadership is going about addressing the installation's present and future status. We hope you will find this newsletter helpful and, coupled with our other digital communications platforms, comprehensive.

There are more ways than ever to deliver the latest news and information so be sure to visit Digital Meade for an in-depth look:

<https://homeadmin.army.mil/meade/index.php/about/Garrison/public-affairs/digital-meade> where you will find links to the latest 'Meade Week' video and 'Fort Meade Declassified' podcast episode; catch up on the latest 'Meade Read' articles and stay up-to-date with 'News & Notes'.

And, if you haven't already, download the 'Digital Garrison' app where you can choose to receive emergency notifications and important announcements regarding services and closures on the Installation, access important hotlines and phone numbers, events calendar, recreation links, PCS information, ArMA link for building maintenance, check the weather, shop the latest deals at the local PX and much more.

NEWS & NOTES OF INTEREST:

- We are approaching HPCON Alpha status and with that some restrictions will be lifted. It is important to note that this is not a signal to return to complete normalcy, HPCON Zero would denote that status.
- Commanders Call has resumed and will be on Wednesday, July 28th, starting at 10 a.m. via Teams and DVIDS livestream. A Teams link will be sent out to the directorates prior to the meeting. Your participation is encouraged as we share important workforce information and give recognition for the many outstanding contributions you provide with an award ceremony. The DVIDS livestream link is: [DVIDS - Fort George G. Meade Public Affairs \(dvidshub.net\)](#). You can view previous Commanders Call meetings here: [DVIDS - Video - Commander's Call \(dvidshub.net\)](#)
- On the morning of Monday 28 June, Reece Road will be closed for construction between Ernie Pyle Street and Rose Street. Closure is expected to last through 2022, possibly longer. Specific traffic impacts are:

1. Ernie Pyle Street will be closed at Reece Road from both southbound and northbound directions. There will be no access to Reece Road from Ernie Pyle Street.
2. Ernie Pyle Street between Mapes Road and Reece Road will be local traffic only.
3. Ernie Pyle Street between MacArthur Road and Reece Road will be local traffic only.
4. Access to all buildings along Ernie Pyle will remain.
5. Rose Street will remain fully open.
6. The section of Reece Road from Rose Street through the intersection with MacArthur will remain open.
7. Detour for Ernie Pyle Street will be on Mapes Road to MacArthur Road.
8. Reece Road ACP/Widening Contractor will place signage for the detour routes and local traffic only on the two sections of Ernie Pyle Street.

STORIES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED:

Fort Meade Declassified Ep 36 – Entomology with Ben Pagac



Link to latest episode: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/fort-meade-declassified-ep-36-entomology-with-ben-pagac/id1495826760?i=1000527441942>

This episode of Fort Meade Declassified, Ben Rogers steps in for Joe Nieves to Co-Host with Sherry Kuiper who bug' out with Ben Pagac, Chief of the Entomological Sciences Division/Bioscience program here at Fort Meade. They take a fascinating look at beetles, cicadas, and ticks. Plus, they

learn about cosmic tick spit and why it is being studied to help humans. Here are some great websites to learn more about the insects mentioned throughout the episode:

MilTick Army Public Health Center:

<https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/envirohealth/epm/Pages/HumanTickTestKitProgram.aspx>

Bug of the Week: <http://bugoftheweek.com/>

Entomology Today: <https://entomologytoday.org/>

Native Bee Inventory and Monitoring Lab: https://www.usgs.gov/centers/eesc/science/native-bee-inventory-and-monitoring-lab?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

Tick Encounter: <https://web.uri.edu/tickencounter/>

Are you interested in getting involved with the future development of Anne Arundel County including the areas surrounding Fort Meade? Fill out the application here:

<https://www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/long-range-planning/region-plans/>

Fort George G. Meade's Tribute to the Fallen



Service members and Civilians from throughout the installation honored fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines on McGlachlin parade field in a “2021 Tribute to the Fallen” event held in memory of Sergeant Audie Murphy’s birthday, June 25. The remembrance event, hosted by the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award (SAMA) recipients and Fort Meade Chief’s Mess, also featured Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston as its guest speaker. “It’s really important to honor the sacrifice and commitment

of all those who have come before us to include Sergeant Audie Murphy,” said Grinston. “Finding time to be a part of these events really builds teamwork and that’s what Audie Murphy did. When he jumped on that tank and started shooting that 50-cal (50 caliber machine gun) he did that for his teammates. He did it to save the lives of his crew, and that’s what it means to be part of a team.” According to Sgt. 1st Class Prince Yohannes, a SAMA recipient assigned to the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade (Cyber), with duties at U.S. Cyber Command, Audie Leon Murphy’s birthday was June 20 and the “2021 Tribute to the Fallen” was a fitting way to honor Murphy’s legacy.

Army puts renewed focus on its Transition Assistance Program



TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Start Strong • Serve Strong • Reintegrate Strong • Remain Strong

This year marks 30 years since the Army initiated the first ever program solely focused on transitioning Army Soldiers into civilian life. In 1991, just as the Berlin Wall hit the ground and as the first Gulf War ushered our Army into a new era, the Transition Assistance Program "TAP" was created. As the Transition Assistance Program celebrates its 30th anniversary, we are going “back to basics” with several strategic initiatives including a name change and a new program identity. On 26 October 2020, the Army-G1 approved the name change of the Army’s Transition Assistance Program from SFL-TAP to TAP.

The strategic objectives of the name change include raising awareness of TAP's successes; increasing support for and participation in the program; re-inspiring leaders, clients, and team members through education; and repositioning TAP to differentiate itself from other programs. The Army is the only military service to have a 24/7 Virtual Center, staffed with Transition Counselors and Certified Financial Planners, which Soldiers can access through telephone or on a computer. Anyone who is eligible for TAP can utilize this service. These services are especially beneficial for Soldiers who are not located near a brick-and-mortar center. All transition requirements can be completed through the Virtual Center, and Soldiers can have one-on-one counseling sessions with no appointment needed. TAP allows Soldiers to have the necessary knowledge, skills, and self-confidence to be globally successful in civilian life.