

# TEAM MEADE UPDATE

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### From the Command Sgt. Maj.

Wow, I cannot believe spring is just around the corner and the Daylight Savings Time is only three weeks away. Please prepare ahead and follow several safety tips from the Garrison Safety Office on page 2.

I would also like to encourage all Meade community residents to take advantage of the GC initiative, community socials. These socials are scheduled to be held in neighborhood community centers to give residents a chance to engage face-to-face with the garrison commander and subject matter experts.

Also, please join me and guest speaker, LTC(R) Joel Levesque, at the 2023 Army Emergency Relief Campaign Kickoff, 1 March. The annual AER campaign as well as the Kick-Off Rally promotes AER awareness and educates Soldiers, Retired Soldiers, and family members that AER should be their first choice during financial emergencies.

Lastly, I invite you to join me at the Black History Month, 23 February, as our guest speaker, BG Janeen L. Birekhead; celebrate and spotlight the achievements that African Americans have accomplished in this country, despite the history of discrimination and oppression.

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Col. Michael A. Sapp, Fort George G. Meade garrison commander, address Midway Common and Meuse Forest community residents during the Fort Meade Community Social. (Photo by Chuck Yang)

### Garrison Commander Invites Residents to Community Socials

FORT MEADE, Md. (February 10, 2023) - Col. Michael A. Sapp, Fort George G. Meade garrison commander, announced that starting Feb. 15, in partnership with Corvias Property Management and garrison services, Fort Meade will host four community socials to increase communication and feedback from residents to improve the Fort Meade housing experience.

These socials are scheduled to be held in neighborhood community centers to give residents a chance to engage face-to-face with the garrison commander and subject matter experts from various installation entities.

The Army Housing Office is working with the garrison and Corvias to create educational and accessible information sessions with key leaders and staff in the community.

"We are hoping that by being in the neighborhoods, it will make it easier for residents to stop by and give us feedback," said Aimee Stafford, Fort Meade AHO Chief. "I would like to encourage residents to come by even if they cannot stay the whole time. You do not need to be there for the formal portion to participate."

"We hope that these events will allow a free flow of communication between the Corvias team, our Fort Meade partners, and the families which we all serve," said Dabney. "We look forward to the opportunity to gain feedback and share more about what we are doing within the community to enhance resident experience."

### Housing Community Socials

Connect with the Garrison Commander, KACC, housing office, and installation services - See page 2 under Upcoming Events for future socials' schedule.

See you there!

### Army Emergency Relief Campaign Kickoff

1 March 2023  
McGill Training Center

The Kick-Off Rally promotes AER awareness and educates Soldiers, Retired Soldiers, and family members.

### Safety Corner Safety Slogan of the Week

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING PROMOTES SAFETY, PICK UP - CLEAN UP

An unclean workplace can hide hazards. Take action to improve your environment.

## Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward Safety

Winter is changing into Spring the same as standard time is giving way to daylight-saving time. At 2 a.m. on March 12, 2023, groggy Americans will turn their clocks forward one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight-Saving Time (DST). If you're like many, you will make the change before you go to sleep, avoiding having to wake in the middle of the night to do so.

### Spring - Home Safety Tips

Twice a year, when Daylight Saving Time begins or ends, make it a habit to not only change your clocks, but do a few other semi-annual tasks that will improve safety in your home:

- Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.
- Replace any smoke alarms older than ten years; CO alarms older than five years.
- Replace light bulbs. Chances are you'll have stepladders out to reach smoke detectors and clocks, so double up on safety (and energy savings) by checking for light bulbs and fixtures. NOTE: Consider replacing conventional bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent or LED bulbs.
- Check and discard expired medications - those dates really DO have meaning. Some very common over-the-counter medications can cause serious problems due to change through aging.

### Spring - Work Commute Safety Tips

Studies have documented a 3.5 to 10% increase in traffic crashes during the week that follows the time change.

- Adjust your bedtime in the week leading up to daylight savings time, going to sleep and getting out of bed earlier as the date approaches. This will give your body time to adapt to the change instead of getting hit with it all at once.
- Take into consideration your daily commute and the other drivers on the road that may be rushed or stressed because of the time change.
- Give yourself extra time so you don't feel like you must speed on your morning commute.

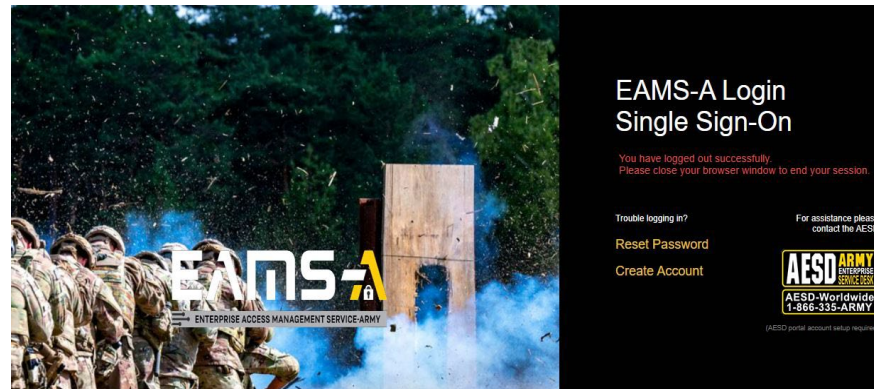
## Human Resources News

### Transfer Employees and Leave Balances

If you're a prior federal service employee who transferred to Fort Meade from another federal agency, you may have noticed that your annual and sick leave balances are not showing up on your first LES. But have no fear!

When an employee transfer to Fort Meade Garrison from another federal agency, it can take up to 90 days for the annual and sick leave balances to transfer. The reason for this is the CPAC Processing Center must obtain an SF-1150 from your previous agency. This normally occurs after the Processing Center requests and receives your eOPF, which can be delayed for a variety of reasons.

If you don't see your annual and sick leave balances transferred after 90 days, you may submit a help desk ticket through the HR Services portal at: <https://service.chra.army.mil/chra>.



## Employee Spotlight



*Installation Geospatial Information & Services Team, USAG FGGM*  
From left: Derek Stone, Brian Hiller, Stacy Ellis, and Sal LiCausi

### Installation Geospatial Information & Services (IGI&S)

Mr. Derek Stone is a Geographic Information Specialist who has worked in DPW for about a year and a half. He is a graduate of UNC-Greensboro and worked for six years as the GIS Specialist for American Water at Fort Meade before coming to the garrison. Derek is a native of Bethesda, and currently lives with his wife Anna and two sons in Ashburn, VA.

Mr. Brian Hiller is a Geographic Information Specialist who has also worked in DPW for about a year and a half. He is a native of Middletown, MD, a graduate of Salisbury University, and previously worked as a GIS Contractor at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Brian and his wife Maggie spend most of their free time playing with their dog Jack and working on home improvement projects on their home in Bowie.

Ms. Stacy Ellis has worked at Fort Meade since 2003, initially as a GIS contractor with DPTMS, then as a Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) & GIS Administrator at LNEC-Fort Meade, and most recently as a GIS Specialist with DPW. Stacy is a native of Titusville, PA, a graduate of Clarion University, and lives in Glen Burnie with her husband Eric and cats Oscar & Mittens. Stacy enjoys camping, fossil-collecting, and rooting for the Pittsburgh Penguins (and not the Steelers!).

Mr. Sal LiCausi has served as the Fort Meade IGI&S Manager for the past 16 years, first as a contractor with DPTMS and then as a Cartographer with DPW. Before coming to Fort Meade, he contracted with the Army at Fort Hamilton, NY, and for various other government agencies. Sal completed a civilian deployment with Area Support Group - Afghanistan at Bagram Airfield in 2020-21. Sal is a native of Queens, NY, and a graduate of SUNY-Geneseo and The Ohio State University. Sal lives in Arnold with his three children, dog Fozzie, and cat Ducky. Sal spends his free time learning about linguistics & cartography (of course!) and competing on a trivia team with his friends.

Highlight your team members in the future Team Meade Update edition. Send your spotlight to Chuck Yang, [chul.h.yang.civ@army.mil](mailto:chul.h.yang.civ@army.mil)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 16 – New Employee Orientation (Pershing Hall)
- 20 – Presidents' Day
- 23 – Black History Month Observance (Club Meade)

### MARCH

- 1 – Community Social (Reese Crossing)
- 1 – AER Kickoff (McGill Tng. Ctr.)
- 8 – Commander's Call (Smallwood Hall)
- 15 – Community Social (Heritage/Normandy)
- 23 – Women's History Month Obs. (Club Meade)
- 23 – Community Council (Smallwood Hall)
- 29 – Community Social (Potomac/Patriot)

## Fort Meade Top Priorities

People are the foundation of everything we do to:

- Protect the force, protect the mission
- Enable defense of the homeland
- House and support the defenders and their families
- Posture for the future