



Thanksgiving At The DFAC



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Fort George G. Meade, U.S. Cyber Command/NSA Break Ground on a World-class Barracks



Members of the Official Party perform ceremonial groundbreaking during the Freedom Center IV Barracks Groundbreaking Ceremony. From left to right, Mr. Westfall, National Security Agency (NSA), Mr. Jay, National Security Agency (NSA), Lt. Col. Myers, Deputy District Commander, USACE, Brig. Gen. Matteo G. Martemucci, Deputy Chief, CSS., Gen. Paul Nakasone, Commander U.S. Cyber Command, Chief Central Security Service (CSS) and the Director of the National Security Agency (NSA), Col. Michael Sapp, Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort George G. Meade, Command Sgt. Maj. Andre Welch, CSM USAG FMMD, Mr. Matthew Shaffer, Director, DPW, FMMD. (Photo by Chuck Yang)

By Bryan Spann, USAG Fort Meade Public Affairs

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. – Fort Meade broke ground on the construction of two new buildings, the Freedom Center IV barracks, in ceremonies Nov. 9. The barracks will house 380 enlisted service members from all military branches when complete.

Special guest speaker, Gen. Paul Nakasone, Commander U.S. Cyber Command, Chief Central Security Service (CSS) and the Director of the National Security Agency (NSA), identified those service members in his remarks. “It’s going to be members of the Central Security Service, 40 percent of NSA’s workforce, the Marines, the Soldiers, the Sailors, the Airmen, the Guardians, the Coast Guardsmen that make up the analysts and linguists and reporters that ensure that the National Security Agency can do its principal missions of signals intelligence and cyber security. This is a world-class facility for a world-class workforce,” said Nakasone.

Gen. Nakasone also talked about the cooperation it took to get to this stage. “It’s been a partnership, the partnership of U.S. Army Garrison Fort (George G.) Meade led by Col. Michael Sapp, Directorate of Public Works (DPW), obviously working very hard to make sure that we have everything that we need, and my incredible team, Installations and Logistics led by Mr. Randy Westfall at the National Security Agency. I also pass along my thanks to our representatives and certainly our congressional leaders that have been so key for us to be able to ensure that we have the funding and resources to be able to build such world-class facilities,” he said.

Read the full story at <https://www.army.mil/article/271648>

HR Corner
Resume Change: How Applicants May be Considered

Starting 1 DEC 2023, all AMC job opportunity advertisements will include the language, “Please limit your resume to 5 pages. If more than 5 pages are submitted, only the first 5 pages will be reviewed to determine your eligibility/qualifications.” CPAC will ONLY review the FIRST FIVE pages of all submitted applications. Therefore, ALL applicants need to ensure that their specialized experience is annotated within the 1st five pages.

TRICARE Open Season
If You’re Eligible to Participate in TRICARE Open Season, You Have Three Options:

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Safety Corner
Thanksgiving cooking tips

- Never leave cooking food unattended on the stove or in the oven.
- Only fry a turkey outside and away from your home. Never use turkey fryers in the garage or on the porch.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working.

33 German, 2 Italian POWs honored during annual wreath-laying ceremony at Fort Meade



Maj. Gen. Trevor Bredenkamp, Commander of the [US Army Military District of Washington](#), joined Rear Adm. Axel Ristau, German Military Attaché and Col. Paolo Scimone, Italian Military Attaché in honoring those who did not return home.

By Jasmyne Ferber, USAG Fort Meade Public Affairs

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. – Fort George G. Meade held a joint wreath-laying ceremony Sunday, November 19, 2023, alongside representatives from Germany and Italy in honor of the two Italian and 33 German World War II prisoners of war buried at the post cemetery.

Maj. Gen. Trevor Bredenkamp, Commander of the Joint Task Force – National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, and Lt. Col. Chaveso Cook, Fort Meade Headquarters Command Battalion, welcomed Rear Adm. Axel Ristau, German Defense and Naval Attaché; Col. Paolo Scimone, Italian Military Attaché to the U.S., and guests to pay tribute to those who did not return home.

“Today, we continue a tradition that began just 12 short years ago to recognize the strength of the alliance between our countries and service members,” Bredenkamp said. “Our world has changed a great deal since these young service members were laid to rest. I am humbled to join with representatives from both Germany and Italy to remember and honor the sacrifices made by their countrymen.”

Fort Meade was one of 19 camps where German and Italian prisoners were shipped, receiving 1,600 Germans and 58 Italians in September of 1943. Some of those prisoners died during their captivity and were buried at the installation.

“This location is unique however, as it is the only internment site for foreign prisoners of war in the state of Maryland and remains a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served their nation in a time of war,” Bredenkamp said.

A common duty and knowledge of the danger facing them is a universal understanding between Soldiers that transcends country lines, according to Ristau.

“That is why there will always be a universal common remembrance,” Ristau said. “That is why we are assembling here today remembering fallen German Soldiers resting among Soldiers from other nations who we never met or spoken a word together.”

Read the full story at <https://www.army.mil/article/271905>

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

23 – Thanksgiving Day

December

1 – Tree Lighting Ceremony

6 – Commander’s Call

7 – Town Hall/FB Live

9 – Army/Navy Game

15 – Garrison Holiday Celebration

21 – First Day of Winter

25 – Christmas

31 – New Year’s Eve

FMMD USAG Holiday Door Contest



Rules of the contest:

1. Have fun, be unique and show your creativity.
2. Send building and office number to Lorraine Kelly by 8 December.

lorraine.kelly12.civ@army.mil

- Winners will be announced at the Garrison Holiday Party.

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- Community
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National American Indian Heritage Month

John "Coyote" Vinson (center photo) is an enrolled member of the Lumbee and Eastern Band Cherokee tribes. He was born and raised in Maryland and attended the University of MD, College Park for undergraduate studies and the U of MD Eastern Shore for graduate school with a major in Criminology and an emphasis on behaviors and patterns.

Over the past 30 years, he has built relationships with different tribes and the leaders and elders, which allowed him to now practice traditional American Indianism. He now advocates for American Indians by creating awareness through