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Team Meade **UPDATES** A WORKFORCE NEWSLETTER



Newsletter - #11



Hello Team Meade! *TMU* brings you information and insight into all things Fort Meade and how your current leadership is 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 into more things Meade. There you will find previous *TMU* newsletters, the latest 'Meade Week' video and 'Fort Meade Declassified' podcast episode; catch up on the '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, closures on the Installation, access important hotlines and phone numbers, events calendar, recreation links, PCS information, ArMA link to submit building maintenance requests, check the weather, shop the latest deals at the local PX, and much more!



Finally, you'll see a note below regarding our upcoming participation in the Capital Shield Exercise (SEPT 21-24). The recent severe weather proved again that you never know when a crisis may hit; however, when it does come, it is our mission to be ready to provide the best support possible, so our partners can continue their national security missions. The only way we can be prepared for an emergency is through practice, which is why the exercise will be the Garrison's primary effort during the week. My expectation is that you participate fully. Our senior commander, MG Pepin, has directed us to make this as robust of an exercise as possible. That means you will likely see things such as emergency vehicles traveling along post, use of the big voice and other activities during that time. If you see something that is out of ordinary, please say something to your business manager, and if needed, to Emergency Services. Please avoid posting onto social media.

Thanks for your continued work and everything you do to support Fort Meade and the Army!

NEWS & NOTES OF INTEREST:

- **EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE:** Fort Meade will execute an Integrated Protection Exercise (Sep 21-24) ISO JFHQ-NCR CAPITAL SHIELD 21 to test and validate the garrisons' response to multiple emergent incidents under COVID-19 conditions. While there will be minimal impact to garrison services, expect ALERT! / Giant Voice messaging! Expect FPCON changes! Security and Emergency Services will respond to clearly identified training areas throughout the installation during this exercise.
 - **September is Hispanic Heritage month** – Please join the community in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month Observance on September 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Club Meade. The guest speaker is CSM Jorge Grajeda of the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion and there will be a sampling of Hispanic cuisine for you to enjoy. Hosted by the Garrison Equal Opportunity Office. 
 - **Temporary Access Gate Change:** The Access Control Point (ACP) at Mapes and MD32 will be closed on September 18, 2021 for the replacement of a backup generator. Mapes and MD175 will be open. All ACPs will return to normal operating hours on Sunday, September 19, 2021.
 - **The next Town Hall will be on Thursday September 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. broadcast live on the Fort Meade Facebook page.** Join us as we discuss the latest Fort Meade news and information and address any comments, questions, or concerns that the community has. <https://www.facebook.com/FtMeade>.
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STORIES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED:

Fort Meade recognizes the 20 year Anniversary of 9/11.



The clang of the bell rang out along the parade field on Fort George G. Meade. Deputy Chief James Evans, with Fort Meade's fire company, struck the bell five times in a row, then another five times. The sound of a bell has steep traditions within fire companies. Today, it symbolized the sacrifice of the first responders and the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001. Saturday will mark 20 years since hijackers took control of four planes, crashing two into the twin towers in New York and one into the Pentagon. A fourth, headed for D.C., crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after the passengers of flight United 93 fought back. It's a day that shaped many careers, said Col. Christopher Nyland, garrison commander at Fort Meade. His included. Read

the entire story here: [Fort Meade remembers 20th anniversary of 9/11 with ceremony - Capital Gazette](#)

Fort Meade Declassified Ep 40 – The Back to School Special

On this episode we are back with Sarah Bonise our School Liaison and we are talking about all things back-to-school. And a big Welcome back to our students here with Team Meade. Be safe and have a great school year! There are loads of great resources out there for parents:

Anne Arundel County Public School: AACPS.org

Tutoring services: tutor.com

Family Advocacy Program at: <https://meade.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service> - 301-677- 4118

The Anne Arundel County Library: <https://www.aacpl.net/>

Partners for Success: 410-222-3805

Listen to the entire episode here: [DVIDS - Audio - Fort Meade Declassified Ep 40 The Back to School Special \(dvidshub.net\)](https://dvidshub.net/fortmeade/fortmeade-declassified-ep-40-the-back-to-school-special)
