

TEAM MEADE UPDATE

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Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Randy A. George Provides Oath of Enlistment at Baltimore MEPS

On 19 July 2023, Gen. Randy A. George, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, delivered the oath of enlistment to 20 U.S. Army and U.S. Navy recruits at the Baltimore MEPS, 12th BN, US Military Entrance Processing Station Command, located on Fort Meade.

Of the 20, three recruits shipped off to basic training immediately after the ceremony, and 17 enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program, which accommodates new enlistees into the armed forces by allowing them to enter as inactive reservists and make a commitment to report for training on a specified date.



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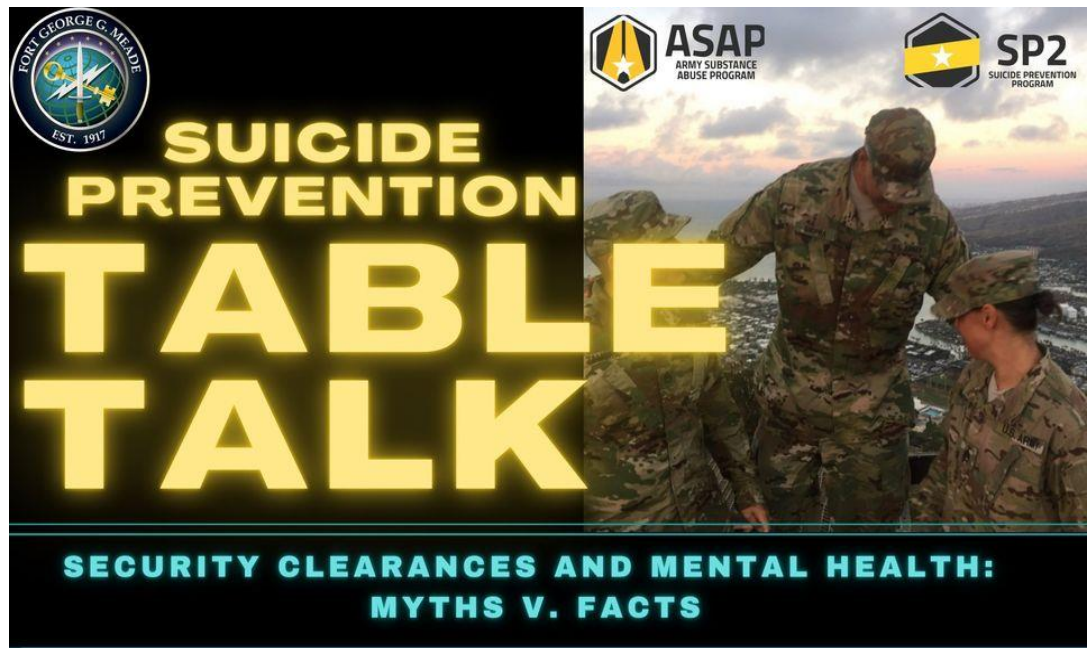
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On 24 July 2023, John Trottman, Fire Prevention Chief for the Fort Meade Directorate of Emergency Services, received the VFW National Firefighters Public Servant Award. The award was presented by Kurt Surber, Post Commander, [Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW](#) Post 304, District 6. Trottman was also recognized as District 6 Firefighter of the Year and placed second in the Maryland State Competition.

The VFW National Firefighters Public Servant Award is awarded to any individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.



Suicide Prevention Table Talk: Join us live on Thursday, August 3, at 12 p.m. for a conversation with behavioral health and intelligence subject-matter experts as we discuss the facts and myths associated with mental health and security clearances. All service members, civilian personnel, retirees, and family members are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Suicide Prevention Program Manager, Miguel Sierra at (301)677-6541/2727 or miguel.a.sierra.civ@army.mil

ICYMI – The Murph Challenge

Last Thursday, 30 participants came out to push their limits during Headquarters Command Battalion, United States Army Garrison, Fort Meade's 10-Year Anniversary Murph Challenge. 🇺🇸

The Murph Challenge is named after Lt. Michael Patrick Murphy, a U.S. Navy SEAL who was killed on June 28, 2005, during Operation Red Wings and awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the War in Afghanistan. The Challenge honors Lt. Murphy and all those who have given their lives in service to our country.

TRICARE News: Managing Your DEERS Record

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Has it been a while since the last time you checked your [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System](#) (DEERS) record?

If so, take a moment to log in to [ID Card Office Online](#) (IDCO) to make sure your information is up to date. This includes changes in your military status, contact information, and family status (marriage, divorce, births).

Safety Corner Safety Tip of the Week

Stay Hydrated

Staying hydrated is important during the hot and humid months. That's because fluids are lost through sweat. If you plan to spend time outdoors, keep water with you and drink it often. Consuming foods with high water content like melons, lettuce, cucumbers, etc., can also help you stay hydrated

Employee Spotlight

Leaders gather to discuss services, quality of life



LTG Omar Jones and CSM Jason Copeland pose with the IMCOM Stalwart Award winners for 2023 during the Garrison Command Team Conference held in San Antonio on June 6-8. (U.S. Army photo by Maria Gallegos)

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, Texas – More than 200 leaders from 80 Army garrisons worldwide converged in San Antonio for the annual Installation Management Command Garrison Command Team Conference.

The conference was hosted by LTG Omar Jones, IMCOM commanding general. “This is your conference,” he told the group, encouraging the senior leaders to actively participate in the conference to share their ideas, best practices and lessons learned to improve the global command over-all.

Jones joined garrison commanders and command sergeants major in diving deep into IMCOM’s core competencies and how their military and civilian teammates work together to improve the lives of the Army People.

The group participated in presentations and discussions about various topics such as countering mold in Army facilities, fielding a fleet of electric vehicles and charging stations, investing in and maintaining Army infrastructure, creating more opportunities for spouse employment, and enhancing Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs.

Regardless of the topic, Jones continually reiterated that everything garrison commanders and their teams of professionals do is in direct support of their installation’s senior commander priorities.

Jones kicked off the conference with a ceremony recognizing the 2021 and 2022 IMCOM Stalwart Award. The Stalwart Award was approved by the Secretary of the Army in 2003 to recognize IMCOM individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of performance and significantly contributed to the command's success and responsibilities. These are IMCOM’s best and brightest.

Throughout the three-day conference, the consistent theme was taking care of people – from 60,000 IMCOM professionals around the globe to the Army’s Soldiers, Civilians, Family members and communities surrounding Army installations.

CSM Jason Copeland, IMCOM command sergeant major, agreed, and went on to further inspire the command teams to be engaged in the communities where they live and work.

“What we do can be measured when we leave our offices,” he said. “Seeing life be better in the community is proof we are doing a good job.”

This taking care of people and Army communities is the driving force behind IMCOM’s motto: “We Are The Army’s Home!”

FGGM Garrison members recognized for excellence



(Front Row: Left to Right CSM Tamisha Love (ID-S CSM Designate), Julie Adkins: DPW, Celena Flowers: ACS, Jenelle Ferguson: Garrison Safety Office, Jutaluck (June) Dulsang: DFMWR, COL Sapp. Back Row: Jerry Glodek: DPW, Krista Walker: RM, William Overman: DPW, Mr. Davis Tindoll Jr. Director ID-S, Erik Benda: DPTMS)

During the Installation Management Command, ID-S Director, Davis Tindoll Jr., visit, several FGGM Garrison members were recognized for their excellence.

Certificates of Achievement

Julie Adkins: DPW
Jerry Glodek: DPW
Erik Benda: DPTMS

Coin recipients:

Krista Walker: RM
William Overman: DPW
Jutaluck (June) Dulsang: DFMWR

Civilian Service Commendation Medal

Jenelle Ferguson: Safety
Celena Flowers: ACS, DFMWR

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

PTSD Awareness Month

27 – Community Council (Smallwood Hall)
27 – New Employee Orientation

AUGUST

1 - National Night Out
3 - FB Live/Town Hall
3 - Suicide Prevention Table Talk
24 - Community Covenant Signing
28 - Back to School Expo

Join us Aug 1st for a night of community bonding and safety awareness at National Night Out, hosted by Fort Meade’s Directorate of Emergency Services!

The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Heritage Park and Midway Commons Community Centers

GC’s 3Cs in 2023

- Consideration
 - Of our customers and our employees
- Caring
 - Self-Care opportunities: Resiliency Center, Wellness Center, and Civilian Wellness Program
- Community
 - Education, Employment, Transportation, and Resiliency