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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Illuminate the Darkness Walk

EVENT: Illuminate the Darkness Walk

WHEN: Sept. 28, 2018 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: The track at Gaffney Fitness Center, Fort Meade

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The second annual Illuminate the Darkness Walk, sponsored by Fort Meade's Cryptologic Warfare Group 6 Suicide Prevention Program, symbolizes shining a light on the darkness that is suicide on the occasion of Suicide Prevention Month.

Fort Meade's Army Substance Abuse Program will also participate in the event, as a way to raise awareness on the connection between alcohol and drug abuse to suicide.

Participants will walk around the track throughout the night with the walk ending at 6:35 a.m. Saturday morning.

Participants will have the opportunity to decorate luminarias, which will line the track, with the names of loved ones or to honor suicide survivors.

The event will begin with an opening ceremony at 6 p.m., which will include several guest speakers.

The walk will begin after the opening ceremony and will feature a DJ, food trucks and a cookout.

For more information on this important event please read our story in the Fort Meade Soundoff!

<http://ftmeadesoundoff.com/communitynews/news/showing-the-light/>

Editor's note: You will need escorted on post if you are interested in attending this event. Contact Sherry Kuiper, media relations specialist, at 570-371-8590 as soon as possible. At least a two hour notice is needed.

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BACKGROUND: Fort George G. Meade was established in 1917 and is the largest employer in the state of Maryland with more than 55,000 employees. We

are the second largest Army installation in the continental United States in terms of personnel. We are the home to all branches of military service; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard and serve as the home for 119 partner organizations including U. S. Cyber Command, the National Security Agency, the Defense Information Systems Agency, the Defense Information School as well as federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Science Center.

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