



## FORT GEORGE G. MEADE NEWS RELEASE

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# National Night Out

**EVENT:** National Night Out

**WHEN:** Aug. 1, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fort Meade's McGlachlin Parade Field

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Many communities gather for events on National Night Out, but Fort Meade's 56,000 residents and employees enjoy an event which has long been known as the best the Army has to offer and one FEMA recognized as the best practice among all emergency preparedness organizations. More than 5,000 people attend Fort Meade's National Night Out each year.

The event begins with a fire and emergency vehicle parade through Fort Meade neighborhoods which returns to a parade field full of activities for kids and adults.

Sponsored by Corvias, the event is organized by Fort Meade Police and Fire emergency personnel. First responders from several communities participate to include Anne Arundel County and National Security Agency Police and BWI and Martians State Airport Fire Departments. In addition, there will be K-9 unit and SWAT team demonstrations and the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office Burn Trailer will present a visual example of why fire safety is so important.

Other fun activities include a zip line, boot camp challenge and many inflatables. And attendees will have an opportunity to win a \$100 gift card and many other prizes by playing the APP-itude Challenge. Get a head start to the scavenger hunt-style game by downloading the free Fort George G. Meade app from any app store.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and partnerships in local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit.

Fort Meade's National Night Out is an event that brings our entire community together and highlights police and community partnerships designed to send a message to the criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Fort Meade's National Night Out is open to Department of Defense ID holders, their families and guests.

## **BACKGROUND**

Fort George G. Meade is celebrating the installation's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Established in 1917, Fort Meade is now the largest employer in the state of Maryland and with more than 56,000 employees, is the third 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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**EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information, or if you are interested in covering this event, please contact Mary Doyle in the Fort Meade public affairs office at [mary.l.doyle14.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mary.l.doyle14.civ@mail.mil) or 301-677-5592**

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