



## **FORT GEORGE G. MEADE NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Fort George G. Meade Begins 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**FORT GEORGE G. MEADE** – Fort George G. Meade is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with events marking the occasion throughout the next year. Some of those events include: Lt. Dan Band Concert, Memorial Day Massing of the Colors, Fort Meade Appreciation Night at the Bowie Baysox, and the Red, White and Blue Celebration.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, scheduled for June 17, is a black-tie event featuring musical entertainment, dancing, food and displays that depict Fort Meade's history and represent a visual reminder of why the slogan for this yearlong celebration is: From Saddles to Cyberspace; A Century of Innovation and Security. Tickets for the gala go on sale April 17.

You can find a complete list of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events calendar at [www.ftmeade.army.mil](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil).

### **Background**

Fort George G. Meade started as Camp Meade in 1917 to support troops drafted into World War I. The site was because of its close proximity to the railroad, Baltimore port and Washington D.C. The cost for construction was \$18 million and the land sold for \$37 per acre in 1917. The Post is named for Maj. Gen. George Gordon Meade, whose victory at the Battle of Gettysburg proved a major factor in turning the tide of the Civil War in favor of the North.

### **Our Mission**

Provide required services, infrastructure, a safe and secure community, and a quality of life that supports mission readiness and the Fort Meade community.

## **Our Vision**

The Nation's Center for Information, Intelligence and Cyber Operations.

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