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Celebrate Military Families

EVENT: Military Family Appreciation Event

WHEN: Nov. 20, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Fort Meade Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave, Ft Meade, Md.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The public is invited to celebrate all branches of military families in an event full of family fun here.

President Barack Obama proclaimed November 2009 as Military Family Appreciation Month. Secretary of the Army John McHugh, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston signed a letter recognizing the observance and expressing their commitment to military families.

At Fort Meade's celebration, families can try their hand at arts and crafts, watch a Tae Kwon Do demonstration and play bingo and bean toss. McGruff the crime dog will pay a visit to give away coloring books and identi-child kits. Enjoy free hot dogs, chips and more.

All visitors to the installation must have a valid photo ID and enter through the Reece Road visitors entrance.

DIRECTIONS: From state Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take state Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Reece Road. Access procedures can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information, or if you are interested in covering this event, please contact Veronica Castro in the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at (301) 677-1465/240-205-9065 or veronica.m.castro@us.army.mil

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