

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: DFMWR Initiatives Status Report – 01 November 2009

PURPOSE: To provide information to stakeholders on a variety of ongoing initiatives.

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### Community Recreation:

**1. Gaffney to Gold:** Convert one of two large areas currently used for basketball into an open air, weight and cardio area. This will allow us to use the downstairs area for aerobics, combative training, woman's only nautilus, spin, etc... Phase I: New Cardio equipment has been delivered. In conjunction with the Gaffney to Gold concept we did not turn in the older cardio equipment and the new cardio equipment was placed on to the basketball court. Phase II: Purchase & install mirrors, protective flooring & audio/visual equipment. Contracts awarded/ Phase III: convert basement area into aerobic/spin/combative training area will begin once installation of protective flooring is complete.

#### **Actions completed to date;**

- Resurfacing the entrance to the building,
- Exterior painted.

#### **Ongoing Actions**

- Cardio Room: 2 Nov. Began preparing the Cardio room to become Aerobic Room; all TV monitors removed, the remaining 7 treadmills will be turned into DOL next week.
- Move Equipment: Coordinating with DOL contracted movers, to remove weight & strength equipment from down stairs to upstairs, move will take place after floor installation, estimated start date for move of 2 Dec.

#### **Upcoming Projects**

- Installation of the basketball court floor covering, 20 Nov - 25 Nov.
- Audio Visual -contract award for the installation of TV monitors (DPW awaiting schedule plan, estimated start of Jan 2010)
- Mirrors and outlets for treadmills (DPW awaiting schedule plan).
- HV/AC: Meeting with Corps to discuss HV/AC project ... best case scenario for start time appears to be Sept. 2010. Contractor recommends closing facility for 30 days during project.

**2. Paintball MegaArena:** The "MegaArena" is an enclosed 100' x 50' mobile, inflatable arena which can accommodate matches of up to 7 versus 7. The MegaArena was delivered prior to the 4th of July celebration; it has been deployed twice (Independence Day & National Night Out). Available for a fee on a limited basis to units for training or fund raising purposes. The paintball tournament advertised for every Saturday in Nov. was cancelled due to lack of participation. Outdoor Recreation will adjust their plan and host a tournament in Spring 2010.

**3. Running Series:** Fort Meade is hosting a run series with a number of 5K & 10K runs being held throughout the year. The Nov run will begin at 0800 at the Fort Meade Pavilion and registration is held on-site on the day of the run. Prizes are awarded based

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on the number of runs the individual participates in. The next two runs are scheduled 14 November & December 5

**4. Community Recreation Facility Improvements:** The following facility improvements have been made or are ongoing: New lockers have been installed in the men's locker room at Gaffney Fitness Center; The racquetball courts at Murphy Field House have been stripped and resurfaced; The multi-purpose court adjacent to McGill Training Center has been resurfaced and courts will be relined soon; Donahue Softball field has been re-lamped (lighting repaired); and the restrooms at the pool on Rock Avenue are being redone to make the facility ADA compliant. Additionally, there is a project in the queue to replace the HVAC system in Gaffney Fitness Center. The project has been funded and the contractor will begin work soon.

#### **Community Operations:**

**5. Bowling Center Lounge Addition:** NERO approved a \$520K addition to the Bowling Center Lounge for 2009. The addition will provide a great setting, not only for the bowlers, but for the residents of Fort Meade. It will feature a wide variety of beers, wines, and mixed beverages, as well as sandwiches, appetizers, and Wi-Fi. FMWRC aided in the design which will encompass a 21' by 50' addition and renovation of the current lounge area. The lounge will be self contained with two restrooms, a 40 person meeting room, and the ability to be an early morning coffee and donuts stop. Notice to proceed was given on 20 Oct. Anticipated completion date is Apr 2010.

**6. Golf Course Replacement:** Golf Course reduced from 36 to 27 holes to accommodate BRAC/DISA construction. Current projected expansion by NSA (Site M) creates eventual need for new facility. Degradation of course has caused severe financial impact. ICF International conducted the Golf Course Project Validation Assessment (PVA) 14-16 July 2009. The Installation Commander hosted a Town Hall for the Golf Course on 11 Aug 09 with approximately 80 attendees. Among the topics reviewed were status of the current operating conditions and an update on the golf course replacement. FMWR/Golf Course management is preparing an action plan for the Installation Commander with recommended courses of action after the end of season for the current course. Concept design was received and comments were provided. DFMWR and the Command Group continue efforts to keep the public and patrons informed and up to date via golf council meetings (next meeting 11 September), emails and the FGGM website. A pre meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2009 with the Corps of Engineers (COE) Environmental prior to the meeting with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on 9 September. The draft PVA will be revised pending the recommendations from the meeting with the COE and the Maryland (MDE). Following the environmental meetings, the proposed scope/line drawings and the cost estimate are being revised to minimize the impact on wetland areas. An

additional \$25 K was requested to complete the revision of the PVA and F&MWRC approved the request. The revised PVA should be completed by the end of October. The week of 14 September, the installation provided information to the NCR-D and IMCOM for an update to previous submissions to a congressional on the golf course replacement. PVA has been received by Ft. Meade DFMWR and is being staffed with various FGGM Directorates.

**7. Texas Hold'em League at Golf Course Club House:** The Golf Course holds weekly Texas Hold'em games on Monday evening at 1930. Patrons have the opportunity to play for weekly prizes and enter the 10 week tournament for a greater prize at the end of the 10 weeks. Seventeen November will be the start date for Texas Hold'em on Tuesday's for the winter months. Location will remain at the Golf Course Club House

**8. Club Meade Offerings:** The club caters all types of events, Dining-Ins/Dining-Outs, Change of Commands, Hail and farewells, holiday parties, wedding receptions or any official or social event you may require. Seating capacity is for 400, depending on the floor plan. Menus can be built to suit your needs. Lunch is served Tuesday-Friday from 1100-1330hrs and Sunday Brunch from 1030-1400. For additional information or to schedule an event call 301-677-5298.

#### Child, Youth, and Schools (CYS) Services:

**9. Youth Sports Complex project:**

a. The CYS Services Youth Athletic complex located off of Reece Rd and Ernie Pyle Street is currently in a state of needed renovation; to include beautification, updated maintenance and safety requirements. The Youth Sports program has an annual participation of over 1600 youth, 250 volunteers and a large visibility from civilian youth sporting organizations that participate in County games on Ft. Meade. The topic of the current state of the Youth Athletic Complex from volunteers and parents alike has been a regular focus in the Army Family Action Plan, ICE and general Parent Advisory meetings.

b. History: The improvement of the Athletic Complex has been a challenge due to periods of constrained funding. In the year 1999 the approval and funding for a State of the Art Youth Athletic Complex was approved and contracted out. Renovation began in the year 2000. Project cost was \$2,650,000. After 9/11 all funding was diverted and project was stopped. The complex was left with partial completion of two fields and construction pre-preparation state (sediment fencing, holes, and fill dirt). 2003 Complex was partially funded to complete portion of renovation and attention to safety

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factors. CPMC funding projects have been submitted from 2003-2004 but due to constrained funding, the Youth Athletic Renovation Complex has not been approved.

c. Scope: Renovation project will include; 15 athletic fields- renovation of 2 lighted fields(baseball/football), 7 soccer/football fields, 3 baseball, 1 softball, 2 T-Ball, 3 Graveled/stone parking lots, concession/storage/restrooms facility, water for fields.

d. Status: Youth Sports Complex Field Priority list was established for allocated \$2.6M ACOE/ SRM funding on YS Sports Fields upgrades. DIVCO-8A contractor was selected and is currently preparing the design/build plan. Contractor will begin site surveys the week of 9 November 09. Actual construction is estimated to begin NLT Spring of 2010.

**10. CYS Services Holiday Activities: CYS Services Breakfast with Santa:** will be held 5 December, Saturday at the Golf Course, two seating's will be held at 0800 and 1030 hours. Advanced tickets will be on sale at the Youth Center beginning 14 November. **Parents Shopping Day:** 5 December, Saturday-CYS Services will take care of your children 1030-1500hours cost \$5.00 includes and activities and lunch. Registration at CYSS Central Registration beginning 9 Nov. **SKIES winter showcase** to be held 19 December at McGill Training Center 1300 hours.

**11. Mini CDC and CDC 144 Capacity Centers:** An integral part of the Soldier and Family Action Plan and an initiative to accelerate the growth of Child, Youth and School Services programs to meet the Department of Defense goal of meeting 80% of the child care demand and 35% of the youth program demand by the end of FY 13. Netcall 2008-86 provided guidance for submission of CDC project requests using the expanded Minor Military Construction Authority that Congress granted through FY 09. The National Defense Authorization Act provides authority to use up to \$5.0 M in Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funding to construct CDCs executed through Uniform Funding and Management (UFM). Status: Fort Meade has been approved for funding for a 144 capacity multi-purpose CDC and a 24 capacity Mini-CDC, the latter to operate as a 24/7 center. The site for both new centers has been approved and will be located adjacent to the Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center off of Ernie Pyle Street. Both centers will be "Turn Key" facilities. Ongoing meetings are being conducted with F&MWRC /DPW/CYS Services staff and contractor on modular details and user needs. The 144 capacity is \$5M and the 24/7 is \$2.3M projects. Given By: Lida Payne

We are checking with Army Corp of Engineers to ensure that HVAC work can be delayed until after 144 CDC is constructed (late CY '10 or early CY '11). Construction time is @ 8 months. Answer is pending based on rules governing the Recovery Act Funds but preliminary indication is positive. Time required for environmental permitting is difficult to predict since the approval process can be a cumbersome process. Other

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related actions working are: CYSS is requesting further direction from FMWR as to whether we can work this project around the accreditation process for CDC I and CYSS is asking Safety for a formal read on exception to policy for temporary use of the Chapel. DPW has DD FORM 4283 on the Chapel Center and rough estimate is \$1M with sprinkler system and \$600K w/o.

Given By: Don Claycomb

## **12. CYSS Accreditation:**

a. Child Development Centers II and III both received their Accreditation CDCII- received accreditation 31 Dec 08 and CDCIII was accredited 1 Aug 09. CDCI is currently preparing for re-accreditation. CDCI is scheduled for a technical assistance visit (TAV) 25-29 January, 2010.

b. School-Age Services (SAS) is currently accredited through the National Afterschool Association through the year 2010. SAS is beginning preparation of re-accreditation. SAS has established their accreditation team and has begun work on the application process. The Army is in a transition year of changing the SAS accreditation organization to Council of Accreditation (COA). SAS has submitted its application to COA for accreditation May 09. SAS manager and trainer attended Army sponsored COA accreditation training July 09. Staff is currently preparing for the accreditation process.

**13. New Buses for CYSS Program:** Buses have been purchased through FMWRC/CYSS for CYSS programs. Buses are in support of Soldier Family Action Plan. Ft. Meade will receive four buses; three 15 passenger buses, one will be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act and a 25 passenger activity bus. All buses are equipped with seat belts and adjustable seating. Buses will enable programs to conduct enrichment programs and to assist children and youth who may not have transportation to reach the centers. Buses are intended to assist in transporting FCC children and center based children/youth to local field trips and daily support for FMWR/CYSS partnerships. Status: One 25 passenger bus was delivered the beginning of July. Two 15 passenger buses arrived 2 September. The fourth bus will arrive in the near future. Two buses have RIMP insurance and license. SOP has been developed. The 25 passenger requires a CDL driver's license. The Youth Program is gathering all the necessary requirements ready for bus usage (licenses-received one, still need 2 additional license plates, insurance, SOP policies, RIMP insurance). IC permission was received on 30 Aug to hire a Regular Part Time Motor Vehicle Operator (CYSS Bus Driver) and the announcement is now out for recruitment. STATUS: 9 applications were received, interviews took place on 28 October 09.

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**14. CYSS Military & Family Life Consultant (MFLC) program:** Department of the Army has funded the MFLC counselor contract position to be working with the Ft. Meade CYSS Programs. This is a clinical professional at the Masters and Ph.D. level. Consultants provide a non medical, short term, solution focused counseling program designed to address issues that occur across military lifestyles. Their focus in the CYSS program is counseling children, staff training/advice, role modeling and connecting with families. MFLCs will refer children or families to more long-term intervention if needed. The MFLC, Ms. Julia Greene, started in May 2009. As of 16 September, Ft. Meade and the MFLC program were able to negotiate an additional 3 MFLC's for a total of 4 Counselors who will dedicate their resources to the CYS Services programs. Due to the size of the CYS Services programs on Ft. Meade, one Counselor could not adequately service six locations. The 4 Counselors will be assigned to specific sites with the goal of building better trusting relationships with children, staff and families. . STATUS: Three counselors have been working within the CYS Services program and positive feedback has been received from MFLC program and CYSS staff. Fourth counselor arrived 22 Oct.

**15. CYSS Parents as Teachers Program:** Two Parent educators- FMWRC selected/trained and centrally funded contractors are on site to assist families with "research-based curriculum and training" The parent educators will conduct personal visits to homes, their purpose is to assist families with age appropriate child development and parenting information, they assist parents in observing their children and address parenting concerns, parents are taught positive parenting skills. As of 27 October, 15 Ft. Meade families are regularly receiving the service, program began August 09. Military families may register to be a part of the Parents as Teachers family through Central Registration 301-677-1149/1156.

**Army Community Service (ACS):**

**16. Holiday Assistance Program (HAP):** The 2009 Holiday Assistance Program is well under way. Two food drives have been conducted at the Commissary with the third and final one scheduled for 21 November. The deadline for turning in all HAP applications was 13 November. Food Baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, 24 Nov 2009.

**17. Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference:** The annual Ft. Meade AFAP Conference was conducted at Club Meade on 30 September and 1 October. There were 57 participants consisting of 31 delegates and 21 support staff divided into four work groups. At the conclusion of the two day conference there were 11 issues briefed to the Command (See issue paper enclosed in folder.)

**18. Adopt an Angel Program:** Army Community Service in conjunction with the Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard offers this program to supplement holiday gifts for children of Families experiencing financial hardship. In 2008 the program provided Holiday gifts for 403 children. Nominations are submitted to Pam Phillips, 301-677-5590, or [pamela.m.phillips@us.army.mil](mailto:pamela.m.phillips@us.army.mil). Christmas trees with the "Angel" tags will be displayed at the PX, Main Chapel, and the Ft. Meade Credit Union from 17 November through 15 December 2009.

**19. Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC) Construction:** The contract for the semi permanent SFAC has been awarded. The contractor is waiting for the approval to begin. The floor plan has been designed. Estimated completion of this project is spring 2010.

**20. Boundless Playground:** At year end FY 09 Army community Service was issued \$250K to procure a playground specially designed for children with special needs and adults i.e., Wounded Warriors that can benefit therapeutically from interaction with the equipment. With the assistance of the Department of Public Works the money was obligated, a site plan was developed and the playground design was identified. This playground is scheduled to be constructed in the Burba Lake area and it is anticipated that it will be completed spring 2010. A copy of the playground is enclosed in the folder.

**Support Services/Marketing:**

**21. DFMWR Move to Bldg 4216:** DFMWR offices have relocated to building 4216 Roberts Avenue. Most offices are located on the second floor. All phone numbers remain the same. The office for the DFMWR Director and all supporting Division Chiefs are now at this location. Services available to the community include Active Duty personnel clearance, registration of vehicles for the BOSS Lemon Lot, Commissary Bagger Applications, and Unit Fund requests. For more information call (301) 677-6111.

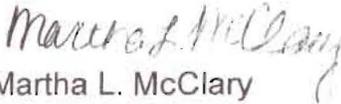
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**22. 2009 Calendar of Major Events:**

All dates and events are subject to change. Please check [www.ftmeademwr.com](http://www.ftmeademwr.com) to confirm the activity/event.

Month	Date	Event	Location	Owner
November	4	Veteran's Job Fair	Club Meade	COD
	7&21	Holiday Assistance Food Drive	Various locations- Commissary	ACS
	13	Tops In Blue	Meade High School	CRD
	14	Turkey Trot (5K)	Meade Pavilion	Athletics
	20	Military Family Appreciation	ACS	ACS
	20	Latin night	Club Meade	COD
	26	Thanksgiving Brunch	Club Meade	COD
	28	Adopt an Angel Gift Drive Starts	Various locations	ACS
December	4	Tree Lighting Ceremony	Main Chapel	Chaplain
	5	Reindeer Run (5K)	Meade Pavilion or Murphy	Athletics
	5	Breakfast with Santa	Club Meade	COD
	9	Installation Holiday Concert	Meade HS	SpEvents
	10	Army-Navy Flag Football & Tailgate Party	Mullins Field	Athletics
	12	Army-Navy LIVE Game	Club Meade	COD
	19	Adopt an Angel Gift Drive Ends	830 Chisholm Avenue	ACS

  
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- Thanksgiving Buffet at the Club Meade
- Army Navy Flag Football Game
- Army Navy Football Game Party at Club Meade



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## THANKSGIVING BUFFET

DATE: 26 NOV, 2009

TWO SEATINGS: 1200 – 1400 & 1500 - 1700 HOURS

VENUE: CLUB MEADE

JOIN US AT CLUB MEADE FOR A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH MANY EXTRAS. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE CALL 301 – 677 – 6969 FOR MORE INFORMATION.





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### ARMY NAVY FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

DATE: 10 DEC, 2009

TIME: 1500 – 1800 HOURS

VENUE: MULLINS FIELD

JOIN US AT MULLINS FIELD ACROSS THE STREET FROM GAFFNEY  
FITNESS CENTER FOR FREE FOOD, DRINKS AND FUN. PLEASE CALL 301  
– 677 – 5950 FOR MORE INFORMATION.





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## ARMY NAVY FOOTBALL GAME PARTY

DATE: 12 DEC, 2009

TIME: 1300 – 1600 HOURS

VENUE: CLUB MEADE

JOIN US IN THE BRASS STATION LOUNGE AT CLUB MEADE FOR A BIG SCREEN SHOWING OF THE GAME. BRING YOUR FRIENDS OUT TO CHEER FOR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM AND TO WIN DOOR PRIZES. PLEASE CALL 301 – 677 – 6969 FOR INFORMATION.

