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Fort Meade holds community listening session

What: Community Listening Sessions on Army Force Reductions

WHEN: Thur. April 18, from noon to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Conference Center, Fort Meade

Additional Information: The Fort Meade garrison commander will host one of two community listening sessions held on installations in the Military District of Washington.

Maj. Gen. Michael S. Linnington, the MDW commander, will join Col. Edward C. Rothstein to participate in the Fort Meade listening sessions. The goal of the sessions is to gauge community reaction to the Army's plan to reduce and reorganize its force structure. The goal is to hear what community leaders feel the impact of the reductions could have on the surrounding community.

Members of Fort Meade's Community Covenant Council made up of military, civil and elected officials, will brief Fort Meade and MDW staff on what they believe could be the impact of force reduction.

Due to the Budget Control Act of 2011, the Army must reduce its force by as many as 80,000 Soldiers while still remaining consistent with National Defense Strategy.

Results of the Fort Meade listening session will be shared with Army staff.

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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 Mary Doyle in the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at (301) 677-5592 or mary.l.doyle14.civ@mail.mil

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