



THE
FORT DETRICK WEEKLIES
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Feb. 6 – Feb. 20

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The next publication of The Standard is Feb. 21. If you have any submissions you would like to be considered for the paper please send them to usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil by COB Friday, Feb. 14.

You can follow USAG Fort Detrick on social media for daily updates and information. On Facebook go to: www.facebook.com/DetrickUSAG and “Like” us, or follow us on Twitter: @DetrickUSAG. For Forest Glen social media go to: <https://www.facebook.com/ForestGlenAnnex> and Twitter: @ForestGlenAnnex

Announcements

For a listing of events visit www.detrick.army.mil/calendar

- **The Tax Center is now open. Free Income Tax Assistance for Military Personnel and Families**

Location: Community Support Center
Classroom #6, 2nd Floor
1520 Freedman Drive
Fort Detrick, MD 21702

Phone Number: (301) 619-1040

Hours Available for Appointments: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed on federal and training holidays.

Active and retired members of the armed forces, including mobilized reservists and their families are eligible for assistance. Receive your refund by direct deposit within 7-10 days of e-filing your return. Visit the Tax Assistance Center webpage for more information and to download and complete the intake form, found on the left hand side. Complete the intake form then call (301) 619-1040 for an appointment. You will need to bring your completed intake form, your military I.D. card, and a social security card (or photocopy) for each person named on the return.

<http://www.detrick.army.mil/taxAssistance/index.cfm>

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- **Fort Detrick Black History Month Observance**
Date: Feb. 13
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Community Activities Center, Building 1529
- **Blood Drive**
Date: Feb. 18
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Balfour Beatty Community Center - 6000 Ditto Ave.
Walk-in or register at visit www.militarydonor.com.
- **Newcomers' Briefing**
Date: Feb. 20

Are you new to Fort Detrick and want to learn more about our programs and services?

The Fort Detrick Army Garrison will host a Newcomers' Briefing Feb. 20 from 9-11 a.m. at the Community Activities Center, Building 1529. The briefing is meant to inform active duty personnel, their families and civilians about the many programs and services available at Fort Detrick.

The Newcomers' Briefing is open to the entire installation. Attendees will hear from Army Community Services, Child, Youth and School Services, as well as Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation to name a few of the many participating organizations. There will also be time to interact with each organization and ask questions.

To ensure greatest participation the garrison commander is asking commanders and directors to identify military and civilian personnel who have arrived since the last briefing in October, 2013, and ensure they are aware of this event.

Please contact the Garrison Public Affairs Office at (301) 619-2018 for more information.

- **Comprehensive Soldier & Family Fitness Executive Resilience & Performance Training**

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Detrick will host two 8 hour Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Executive Resilience and Performance Training sessions. Training will be

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Feb. 24 and 25, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Community Activities Center (CAC) Building 1529.

Class size is limited; seating will be prioritized to accommodate Army Fort Detrick Company Commanders, First Sergeants, E7 and above, Army DOD Civilians GS12 and above supporting resiliency programs, all other GS12 and above will be on first come, first seated.

Fort Detrick Army tenant and USAG organizations must submit attendee names and position title to USAG DPTMS (usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.dptms-opertions@mail.mil) by 14 1200 February 2014 but NLT 20 February 14.

- Interested in planning the 2014 USAG Organization Day Picnic? Col. Volunteers are needed to organize this year's event. Those interested should contact Harry Geesaman at 301-619-2503 or by email harry.a.geesaman.civ@mail.mil by Feb. 18.

Volunteers must have the consent from their immediate supervisor to participate. Volunteers will form a planning committee, establish planning meeting dates and agendas, select a team lead and co-lead, work with OSJA to conduct fund-raising activities.

The picnic planning committee will be in charge of selecting the date, time, place, food menu, activities, cost, and publicity.

Please consider volunteering for this important and fun event!

- **Marsha Stewart Retirement – Cake and Punch Reception**

Date: Feb. 26

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Location: Building 201, DPW Conference Room 249

- **Homeward Bound Campaign Welcomes Service Members Home**

In 2014, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is joining military communities around the world to celebrate the homecoming of America's brave warfighters by hosting a yearlong "Homeward Bound" campaign. The "Homeward Bound" campaign will be a year of discounts, contests and great prizes. For more information visit <http://shop.aafes.com/shop/Info/DynamicInfo.aspx?ID=HomewardBound>

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- **Thrift Shop at Fort Detrick Offers Scholarships**

The Thrift Shop Scholarship Committee is awarding the Thrift Shop at Fort Detrick Scholarship and the Julie Parker Scholarship. Both scholarships are \$1,000 and are based on overall scholastic achievement, leadership, and good citizenship.

Applications are available at the Thrift Shop, Building S-11, Porter Street, Fort Detrick; the Army Continuing Education System (ACES), Building 1520, Fort Detrick; and all Frederick County high school guidance counselor offices.

Applications can also be found online at the following locations:

<http://www.detrick.army.mil/thriftshop/index.cfm#scholarship>
<http://www.detrick.army.mil/aces/financeaid.cfm>

Completed applications can be hand delivered or mailed to ACES, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, 1520 Freedman Drive, Suite 200, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-9226. The deadline for receipt of the application is March 7. For more information call ACES at (301) 619-2854 or the Thrift Shop Scholarship Committee at (301) 619-7871.

- **Barquist Army Health Clinic Announcements**

Barquist Army Health Clinic will be closed on the following days:

- Monday, Feb. 17 (All Day) for the Federal Holiday and
- Friday, Feb. 28 from noon-4:30 from mandatory training.

Performance TRIAD Group Training

To register for Performance TRIAD Group Training call 301.619.7175

Performance TRIAD Group Training is held on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at the Clinic

- 1st Wednesday of the month: Pain management
- 2nd Wednesday of the month: Sleep Disturbance
- 3rd Wednesday of the month: Healthy Behavior, Eating, Exercise, and Sleep

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- 4th Wednesday of the month: Coping with Chronic Illness

Fort Detrick Weather Information

This information is available by calling the Fort Detrick Weather Hotline at one of the following numbers: 301-619-7611. In addition, base operations status is found in the top left hand corner on the Fort Detrick web site, www.detrick.army.mil, and under the inclement weather link at <http://www.detrick.army.mil/weather/>

Forest Glen Annex employees have a worksite located within the Washington Capital Beltway and are required to follow the Washington DC Area Emergency Dismissal or Closure Procedures established by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Announcements on OPM administrative dismissal, delayed arrival, and administrative closures are announced through Washington DC media outlets and through the OPM website www.opm.gov.

Technology has allowed implementation of the AdHoc System where individuals who sign up can receive text alerts to their cell phones. For more information on this system, please contact the Garrison Emergency Manager at (301) 619-3366.

The Fort Detrick Garrison and Forest Glen Annex Facebook and Twitter pages are another frequently updated resource. You can find them at: <https://www.facebook.com/DetrickUSAG> and <https://www.facebook.com/ForestGlenAnnex>. On Twitter follow: @DetrickUSAG and @ForestGlenAnnex.

Finally, there are several local radio and television stations that run Fort Detrick delays and closures in addition to local school delays and closures.

Television:

- * WBAL - Channel 11 - Baltimore, Md.
- * WHAG - Channel 25 - Hagerstown, Md.
- * WGAL - Channel 8 - Harrisburg, Pa.
- * WUSA - Channel 9 - Washington, DC

Radio:

- * WARK - AM 1490 - Hagerstown, Md
- * WEPM - AM 1340 - Martinsburg, W.Va.
- * WTHU - AM 1450 - Thurmont, Md.

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* WFMD - AM 930 - Frederick, Md.

Employees who cannot make it to work because of inclement weather should call their supervisor and request unscheduled leave.

- **Garrison Awards Ceremony**

The next ceremony is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2 p.m., at the Community Activities Center, Building 1529.

Voluntary Leave Transfer

Sylvia Young at Barquist Clinic has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (VLTP). If you would like to donate leave please fill out form OPM Form 630-A for employees of Barquist, and OPM Form 630-B for employees of other organizations. Please send the completed forms directly to the payroll point of contact, Leah Graves, leah.j.graves.civ@mail.mil, and phone number 301-677-8255. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ms. Sherry Heffner, DPW, Housing Division, is approved as a recipient of annual leave donations through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. She is in need of additional donations. Federal employees wishing to donate annual leave to Ms. Heffner may do so by completing the form OPM-630A if they are within the agency (Army), http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf. Completed and signed forms can be forwarded to Quinn Roberts Adolini at quinn.roberts@us.army.mil or by fax to 301-619-2742.

Mr. Joseph Cecil, USAMRIID Security Guard, is approved as a recipient of annual leave donations through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. He is in need of additional donations. Federal employees wishing to donate annual leave to Mr. Cecil may do so by completing the form OPM-630A if they are within the agency (Army), http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf. Completed and signed forms can be forwarded to Tina Adams at tina.m.adams.civ@mail.mil or by fax to 301-619-4299.

Ms. Barbara Cidre at the Barquist Clinic has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. If you would like to donate leave please fill out OPM Form 630-A for employees of Barquist, and OPM Form 630-B for employees of other organizations. Please send the completed forms directly to the payroll point of contact, Leah Graves, leah.j.graves.civ@mail.mil, and phone number 301-677-8255. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Shannon Fowlkes at the Barquist Clinic, Family Advocacy Program, has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. If you would like to donate leave please fill out form OPM Form 630-A for employees of Barquist, and OPM Form 630-B for employees of other organizations. Please send the completed forms directly to the payroll point of contact, Leah Graves, leah.j.graves.civ@mail.mil, and phone number 301-677-8255. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Training

- **The Army Substance Abuse Program: Natural Plants of Abuse**

The course satisfies one hour of Drug and Alcohol Prevention (DAPE) credit. In accordance with AR 350-1 and AR 600-85, Military are required 4 DAPE hours and Civilians are required 2 DAPE hours annually.

Training Opportunities:

Feb. 6, 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. in Classroom 7

Feb. 11, 10-11 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. in Classroom 5

Feb. 21, noon-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. in Classroom 5

All trainings will be held in the Community Support Center. Building 1520 Freedman Dr. For more information contact the DAPE Program Manager, 301-619-9722

- **ACE Civilian Suicide Prevention February Training Dates:**

All are held in building 1520

Feb. 19, 1-2:30 p.m., classroom 7

Feb. 28, 9-10:30 a.m., classroom 7

Course Overview: The course satisfies the yearly suicide prevention training required by AR 600-63. Please note this training is NOT required for contractors, although they are encouraged to attend.

(Classroom seating is limited to a first come – first served basis)

For those who believe attending suicide prevention training will be offensive or emotionally stressful for them, they are encouraged to contact their supervisor to discuss an alternative to the training (AR 600-63, pg. 16, paragraph b) and contact 301-619-9703 with any questions.

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- **Mandatory 1st Term Soldiers' Personal Finance Class**

This course is for all Soldiers on 1st duty assignment who have not completed mandatory training. To register or for more information please call, 301-619-3456/2197.

- **Officer Candidate School**

The next local Officer Candidate School board will convene at 9 a.m., February 27, 2014, Building 1520 Freedman Drive in the Medal Of Honor Conference Room #208E.

Completed applications must be received at the Military Personnel Division (MPD) by close of business Feb. 7, 2014. It is recommended that all applicants review MILPER MESSAGES #13-180 and AR 350-51. All packets must be processed through their S1 office first for review. The Military Personnel Division (MPD) will not accept any packets directly from individual Soldiers, only the S1's. Points of contact for all packet submissions and questions are: Mrs. Thomas at (301)619-3448/7311.

michele.y.thomas@us.army.mil Mr. Daniels at (301)619-3381

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