



THE
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Jan. 30 – Feb. 13

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The next publication of The Standard is Feb. 7. 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, Jan. 31.

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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GATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Gate Maintenance scheduled Feb. 4-8**

From Feb. 4-8, there will be mandatory maintenance performed at all Fort Detrick and Forest Glen Annex gates. Work will begin after operational hours and will have very little impact. No gate will close.

The maintenance schedule is as follows:

Feb. 4-7

Linden Lane, Opossumtown, and Rosemont Gates at 6:30 p.m.

Brookville and Veteran's Gate begin at 8:30 p.m.

Old Farm Gate at 10 p.m.

The work will continue each evening until the gates are checked and verified

Feb. 8

Old Farm Gate outbound traffic pattern will change at this gate from 9:30 p.m.-3:30 a.m. to pull cable. Very little impact is expected but we ask drivers to please remain alert and follow directional signs which will be posted during this time.

- **Commissary Special for the Big Game**

Don't want to make your own chicken wings for your Super Bowl party? Let the Commissary do the cooking for you.

30 Wing Platter - \$29.95

50 Wing Platter -\$44.95

Available Flavors...Mix & Match...BBQ, Kettle Fried & Original Buffalo. Place your order today in the deli.

- **Service Day for FEHB**

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 4

Location: Community Activities Center

Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Representatives from several Health Care Providers will be present to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

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This is an excellent opportunity for new employees to obtain information from carrier representatives.

- **Fort Detrick Newcomers' Orientation Briefing**

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

The Garrison will be hosting a Newcomers' Briefing Feb. 20 from 9-11 a.m. at the CAC, building 1529. The briefing is meant to inform our active duty, their families and our civilians about the many programs and services available at Fort Detrick.

This is open to the entire installation and we hope to see you there. Come and hear from Army Community Services, Child, Youth and School Services as well as Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation to name a few. There will also be a time to interact with each organization to ask your specific questions.

Please contact the Public Affairs Office at 301-619-2018 with any questions.

Commanders and Directors, please identify military and civilian personnel who have arrived since our last briefing (Oct. 24, 2013) and ensure they are aware of this event.

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

Date: Wednesday, 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>

- **Interested In Diversity And Culture?**

The Fort Detrick Diversity Team will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the EEO Conference room Bldg 1520, Suite 209 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m..

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See below for more information!

The Fort Detrick EEO Office is seeking Special Emphasis Program Committee Members for its Diversity Team.

Special Emphasis Program Committee members are an integral part of the USAMRMC and Fort Detrick EEO/Diversity Program. The overall goal of the Special Emphasis Program is to improve employment and advancement opportunities for women, minorities, and people with disabilities through programs such as the Asian Pacific/Islander Heritage Employment Program, Black Employment Program, Federal Women's Employment Program, Hispanic Employment Program, American Indian/Alaskan Native Employment Program, and the Individuals with Disabilities Employment Program.

Membership on the SEP Committee provides employees with an opportunity to become involved in identifying and addressing diversity and cultural issues and trends, and the opportunity to make a personal commitment not only to the program but to the diverse Fort Detrick community.

This collateral duty position requires supervisor approval and the ability to attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings usually held from 1130-1230 in the EEO Office Conference room.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the SEP Committee or for more information, please contact the EEO office located in Bldg 1520, Ste 209 or call 301-619-4147.

- **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 \$1000.00. Selection will be 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 counselors' offices.

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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. (Hand delivered applications must be delivered to ACES by 4:30 p.m.). For more information call ACES at (301) 619-2854 or the Thrift Shop Scholarship Committee at (301) 619-7871.

Fort Detrick Weather Information

This information is available by calling the Fort Detrick Hotline at one of the following numbers: 301-619-7611, 301-695-2633 plus 4-digit code 3801, or 1-800-256-7621. 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.

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Another resource is the Weather Hotline.

There are two numbers that connect you with the weather hotline.

* (301) 619-7611

* (800) 256-7621

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.

* 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),

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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.

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

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

All are held in building 1520

Feb. 4, 9-10:30 a.m., classroom 7

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.

- **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 (OCS) 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

kenneth.w.daniels14.civ@mail.mil

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