



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT BLISS
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19 December 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort Bliss Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Steering Committee Minutes,
01 December 2011

1. The AFAP Commander's Steering Committee conducted the quarterly meeting on 01 December 2011 at 0930 in the morning. The meeting was held in Division Headquarters, Major General Pittard's conference room.

2. The following members were in attendance:

MG Dana Pittard	Fort Bliss Commanding General
CSM David Davenport	Fort Bliss Command Sergeant Major
COL Joseph Simonelli	Garrison Commander
COL Frances King	Office of Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA)
COL Franklin Poust	32 nd AAMDC
COL Reginald R. Davis	11 BDE
COL Michael Amaras	WBAMC
CSM Matthew Brady	WBAMC
MAJ Rob Steffel	3/1 AD
LTC Eric Wick	1/1 AD
LTC Greg Atkinson	31 st CSH
CPT Keith Lott	2/1 AD
COL James Ryan	15th STB
LTC Timothy Farmer	4/1 HBCT
MAJ James Joseph	1AD CAB
CSM Phillip Pandey	Garrison Command
Mr. Douglas Howard	Balfour Beatty
Mr. Carey Kann	Balfour Beatty
Ms. Jessica Holston	Balfour Beatty
Ms. Anna Maynard	1 AD CAB
Ms. Mehania Ballard	2-43 AD
COL David Hamilton	212 Fires BDE
CSM Jesus DeGracia	212 Fires BDE
Ms. Sonya Mayon	11 BDE Family Readiness Support Assistant
Mrs. Aisha Hankins	212 Fires BDE Family Readiness Support Assistant
Ms. Peggy Brown	Chief, Army Community Service (ACS)

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Mr. Mark Cauthers	Chief, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR)
Mr. Derek Washington	Fort Bliss Police Chief
Ms. Debbie Trexler	Youth Education Support Services (YESS)
Ms. Helen Barrientes	AFAP Program, ACS
Ms. Kim Garner	AFAP Program, ACS
Mr. Ted Rivera	ERP Program, ACS

3. Mrs. Helen Barrientes began the meeting by welcoming all the members.

4. AFAP Issue Updates by lead agency:

a. Garrison:

(1) Service Members' Lack of Adherence to Standards: All incoming Soldiers in-processing to Fort Bliss will be issued the Standards Book. CSM Davenport said 4,000 copies will be available the week of 05 December 2011. The book will also be posted on Fort Bliss website at www.bliss.army.mil. **Keep active with agency updates.**

(2) Re-allocation of Gate Guard Resources to Increase Patrols: This issue was deemed unattainable since Garrison doesn't have a say on the manpower dollars. **Unattainable.**

(3) Fort Bliss Privatized Housing Policy Enforcement: A two strike policy of disruptive behavior has been put in place by MG Pittard. If a Family receives two strikes due to their children or Family members being disruptive they will be evicted from on-post housing. In addition, ticket and housing blotters will be created. The first housing blotter will go out weekly starting the first week of January 2012. Command representatives will receive the blotters in order to be able to stop the problem before it escalates to the second strike. **Keep active with agency updates.**

(4) Home Based Business in Residential Fort Bliss: Balfour Beatty has worked with FMWR and created a SOP on what home business is acceptable and what is not. This will be ready at the beginning of 2012. **Keep active with agency updates.**

(5) Primary Corridors affecting Fort Bliss: Working with Texas Department of Transportation doing surveys for traffic access points of Highway 375 and on post. Install traffic signal sensors at congested points to keep traffic moving. This will take time, however it is a work in progress. **Keep active with agency updates.**

(6) Increase United States Postal Services (USPS) on Fort Bliss: Mobile USPS has been provided on East Bliss. Working on an automated postal center at main post office. **Keep active with agency updates.**

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(7) Family Member In-State Tuition: MG Pittard agrees with this. Some states require a certain amount of time living in that state to qualify for in-state tuition. ***Send to FORSCOM.***

b. Directorate of FMWR:

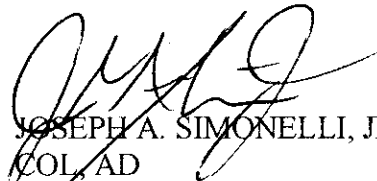
(1) Social Media at Youth Center Facilities: General Pittard gave the green light on having Skype, Wi-Fi and Facebook at Youth Center Facilities. ***Keep active with agency updates.***

(2) Army-Wide Tutoring for K-12: Tutor.com is a Department of Defense Program that is available for Pre-K thru 12th grade. The tutoring is online and average wait time for reply from tutor is two minutes. SKIES program is geared for younger grades. The need is for more tutors to assist with the upper grades. ***Keep active but also send to FORSCOM.***

c. WBAMC:

(1) Out-of-Pocket Expenses for TRICARE PRIME: Active duty (AD) Family members should not be paying out-of-pocket expenses. This is a case by case basis and if AD Family members receive a bill, please give the TRICARE Service Center a call. ***Keep active with agency updates and provide follow-up articles to educate on WBAMC Facebook and website.***

(2) Continuity of Care for patients needing referral renewals: Committee agreed this is a local issue and is really a case by case basis. If TRICARE can't fulfill the 28 day referral standard, then AD Family members can request to go downtown. ***Keep active with agency updates and provide information paper on Patient's Rights on Fort Bliss.***


JOSEPH A. SIMONELLI, JR.
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