

ATWC

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Community Leader Information Forum (CLIF), 4 FEB 2015

1. Meeting Attendance:

Membership

Commandant, USAWC
Senior Spouse Advisor
Diplomatic Advisor to CMDT
Senior Spouse Advisor
Command Sergeant Major
Senior Spouse Advisor
Deputy Commandant
Senior Spouse Representative
Provost, USAWC
Chief of Staff, USAWC
Senior Spouse Representative
Dir., SLDR, USAWC
MFP/SLDR, USAWC
G3
G4
G6
Commander, DAHC
Commander, USAG
Deputy Commander, USAG
CBks Ministry
CSM, USAG
Army Community Service
Senior Spouse Representatives
Seminar Spouse Representatives
Seminar 21 Representative
Seminar 21 Representative

Present/Represented

MG William E. Rapp
Mrs. Debbie Rapp
AMB Daniel Shields
Mrs. Sangeeta Shields
CSM Malcolm D. Parrish
Mrs. Sharon Parrish
COL Dave Funk
Mrs. Nellie Funk
Dr. Lance Betros
COL Robert Balcavage
Mrs. Kim Balcavage
Dr. Thomas Williams
Ms. Laurel Cioppa
COL Robert Wade
COL Terry Draper
LTC Jason Hester
COL Rebecca Porter
LTC Kimberly Peeples
Mrs. Elaine Leist
Chaplain (LTC) Bill Barbee
CSM Charles Rosado
Ms. Rebecca Myers
USAWC Directorates/Centers/Institutes
Seminars 1-20, 22-25
Mrs. Andrea Aitken
Mrs. Gina Botters

2. Opening Remarks: Meeting commenced at 1100. MG William E. Rapp, Commandant, United States Army War College, welcomed all in attendance. MG Rapp introduced the new Diplomatic Advisor to the Commandant, Ambassador (AMB) Daniel Shields and his wife, Sangeeta. AMB Shields comes to the USAWC from his last assignment in Brunei, a small Southeast Asian country on the South China Sea. MG Rapp asked all in attendance to welcome them and extended an invitation to Sangeeta Shields for upcoming community activities. MG Rapp provided a brief overview of the February CLIF agenda and then addressed issues raised through 3x5 card comments from the January 2015 CLIF.

3. 3x5 Card Feedback from the December CLIF (see attached slides):

- a. Question/Comment #1: *“Is it possible to provide assistance to the one person working the movie theater? It is often overwhelming for them to take ticket money and work concessions. Some movies are not as busy, but generally speaking, it’s a messy system.”*

Response: Mrs. Elaine Leist, Deputy Garrison Commander, informed the group that the issue has been resolved. An employee has been hired to assist at the theater and started on 17 JAN. This is a permanent position. Two individuals will continue to work the movie theater.

- b. Question/Comment #2 and #3: *“Is it possible to get a DROP OFF mailbox for OUTGOING mail at the Meadows so that residents can avoid having to go on post to mail letters?” –Seminar 12*

“Positive, Friendly Community – A Mayberry! It is such a relief and reprieve from the commands, etc. One of the reasons we are so relaxed is that we are among peers and one of the ABSOLUTE DELIGHTS is meeting neighbors, friends, and associates at the community post office! PLEASE do not remove that delight of Carlisle Barracks by having ‘house’ deliveries!”

Response: MG Rapp, the USAWC Commandant, assured the group that there are no plans to close the Community Mailroom at this time. He also stated that he is continuing to work on placing a mailbox at the Meadows and plans to meet with the USPS Postmaster soon to discuss available options.

- c. Question/Comment #4: *“Is it possible to extend the hourly care hours at the CDC to 5:00 pm or 5:30 pm? Also, any way to increase the number of slots? ”*

Response: Mrs. Elaine Leist stated that there are a total of 10 hourly care slots available each day. Requests ideally need to be made 30 days out to ensure that 2 caregivers will be present at all times. Mrs. Leist explained that if the CDC knows in advance of additional requirements, they are then better able to accommodate the requests. LTC Peoples, the USAWC Garrison Commander, informed the group that the issue was also driven by space restrictions and that the Carlisle Barracks CDC has reached maximum capacity due to those space restrictions. She explained that additional spots might become available if there are vacancies in any of the full day, daycare rooms. After acknowledging that providing enough hourly child care opportunities has been an ongoing issue, MG Rapp asked that the Garrison CDR and her team evaluate some options to help the CDC determine how they can increase availability of this much needed service, and brief back at next month’s CLIF.

4. Special Topic Briefs:

a. *The U.S. Army War College National Security Staff Ride (New York City)(NSSR-NYC)*. The Commandant introduced the USAWC G3, COL Bob Wade who reminded the group that today's NSSR-NYC brief is a condensed re-cap of the recent student and Spouse briefs. COL Wade stated that Wednesday, 11 MAR, was the travel day for students and Spouses. Currently, the amount for the Spouses' round trip bus ticket is approximately \$86.00. For those who live off post, a slide has been provided with approved areas to leave your vehicle during the NSSR-NYC trip. Please do not park your car in the PX parking lot. Buses will stage in the PX parking lot for departure. Three buses (3 seminars) will stage in the PX parking lot, departing every half-hour (see attached slide #11). Please make sure that you are punctual since the buses will depart on-time. A Bus Commander will be assigned to each bus for attendance purposes. You may drop luggage off in the PX staging area prior to parking your car. Departure from New York City back to Carlisle Barracks is also staggered, with departure times scheduled from 0945 to 1130. It is imperative that you are ready to depart the hotel on time. Return arrival back at Carlisle Barracks is between 1400 to 1615 (see attached slide #12). LTC Peoples addressed how the Garrison is supporting the NSSR-NYC. She reminded all in attendance that they should register now if they are interested in hourly care at the CDC since the ten slots are available on a first-come, first-served, basis. The McConnell Youth Center will provide extended hours and programming during the NSSR-NYC. Increased security patrols will occur in all housing areas during the NSSR-NYC and individual quarters can be checked upon request. Power of Attorney (POAs) and Notary Services are available from 0800 - 1500 on a walk-in basis, daily in Upton Hall (JAG Office). LTC Peoples reminded the group that children's ID cards are required for medical and dental appointments and should remain with whomever you have arranged as your child's caregiver during your absence.

d. *Impact of BAH Reduction on Carlisle Barracks*. LTC Peoples informed the group that the recently announced one percent reduction in Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) will not affect students currently stationed at the USAWC. Balfour Beatty (BBC) will continue to charge Service Members their applicable BAH rate. However, after 31 DEC 2015, renter's insurance will no longer be provided as a component of your BAH. Current BAH residents will continue to receive renter's insurance through BBC until 31 DEC 2015. Incoming Service Members who execute new leases with BBC will not receive renter's insurance coverage. All Service Members are encouraged to obtain their own renter's insurance. MG Rapp reminded the group that nothing will change for this year's class. The change in BAH will apply to the AY16 class and to the faculty and staff stationed on Carlisle Barracks beyond 31 Dec 2015.

e. *AY15 Spouse Project*. Mrs. Traci Cook reminded all in attendance that "The AY15 Student Spouse Project" is under way and encouraged everyone to send in their submissions. February is submission month for the AY15 Spouse Project. The committee is looking for stories that focus on telling "our" stories of the military life that will humor, encourage, teach and inspire all who read them (Service Members and

civilians). If you are not comfortable with writing your story, you may sit with a committee member and verbally recount your story. Children of all ages are encouraged to submit their stories and artwork for the AY15 Spouse Project. The committee's goal is to have submissions from all seminars.

f. USAWC and CBks Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program (SHARP). The Commandant introduced the new Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Ms. Gina Beck, to the group and reminded all that the Full Time Victim Advocate for Carlisle Barracks is Ms. Lori Gordner. Gina Beck can be reached at 717-245-4925 (office) or 717-448-1067 or 717-961-2045 (cells). Ms. Lori Gordner can be reached at 717-245-3507 (office) or 717-462-2655 (cell). The Commandant reminded the group that SHARP information is posted all around on Carlisle Barracks, and is in all buildings. He encouraged all present to welcome and talk with Gina and Lori.

5. G3 Calendar Review:

a. COL Bob Wade, the USAWC G3, reviewed highlights from the upcoming FEB, MAR, APR, MAY and JUNE Integrated Master Calendars (see slides #19-24).

February 2015 highlights included:

- 13 FEB MST President's Day Training Holiday/RWR Day
- 13 FEB LVCC Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance
- 16 FEB President's Day Holiday
- 25 FEB Black History Month Observed
- 26 FEB National Prayer Breakfast

March 2015 highlights included:

- 04 MAR CLIF (AHEC)
- 11-14 MAR National Security Staff Ride to New York City (NSSR-NYC)
- 18 MAR CBSC Luncheon for International Spouses
- 21 MAR Strength for Wisdom (SfW) 5K Run
- 24 MAR Relocation One Stop

April 2015 highlights included:

- 01 APR CLIF (AHEC)
- 02-05 APR USAWC Spring Recess
- 05 APR LVCC Easter Buffet
- 14-17 APR Senior Spouse Leadership Seminar
- 16-17 APR CYSS Jim Thorpe Sports Days
- 23-25 APR Jim Thorpe Sports Days (sponsoring participants will be briefed at MAR CLIF)

May 2015 highlights included:

- 04-07 MAY NSSR #3 Washington, D.C. (students only)
- 20 MAY Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Observance
- 22 MAY Training Holiday/RWR Day

June 2015 highlights included:

- 01-04 JUN National Security Seminar
- 05 JUN Graduation Resident Class of 2015

See calendar slides for other events not highlighted above. Calendar slide from AHEC will be attached to CLIF slide deck.

6. Command and Staff Updates:

Garrison. LTC Peeples stated that the Garrison is working closely to coordinate snow removal when we have two hour delays on post. Please be aware that snow removal crews cannot always keep up with the amount of snow that needs to be removed during a two hour delay. The Garrison is working diligently to make streets and sidewalks safe. The Garrison staff will provide additional information prior to the outage. LTC Peeples also announced that the Tax Center opened today (05 FEB). The Tax Center is located on post in the small building located by the pool (Building #309).

a. Housing. Teresa Steele from Balfour Beatty (BBC) reminded the group that BBC provides a notary service for those residing on Carlisle Barracks. MG Rapp reminded everyone that if they encounter a long line at the Upton Hall JAG office when they are trying to get their POA for medical and childcare, they can consider securing the forms there and then heading over to BBC for the notary service.

b. Chaplain. Chaplain Beatty informed the group that the Chapel is hosting "The Art of Marriage – A Six Session Video Event" on 06 and 07 MAR at the LVCC. Fliers were distributed by the Military Family Program via email distribution.

c. The Exchange. Stephanie Norman stated that The Exchange is partnering with MWR and the Military Star card for travel discounts for military families through the GOVVACATIONREWARDS program. You can now use your Military Star card to pay for reservations and airfare, as well as earn bonus points through this program. Ms. Norman informed the group that the February CLIF was her last one since she has accepted another position at Boling AFB, Washington, DC. Her replacement will arrive next month, with the Fort Indiantown Gap PX manager serving as interim PX manager.

d. Dunham Army Health Clinic. COL Rebecca Porter, CDR, informed the group that the Dunham Army Health Clinic is continuing to work with Garrison to anticipate installation weather delays and closures in order to reschedule patients' appointments. If your appointment is affected by a two hour delay or closure, the Clinic will have a nurse contact you to reschedule your appointment. COL Porter also reported that the

clinic is observing National Heart Health Awareness Month this Friday by wearing red and providing heart health awareness information in the Dunham Army Health Clinic atrium. Jennifer Caywood from the Wellness Center added that the Wellness Center had partnered with the Commissary to label heart healthy foods for February. The Wellness Center is also providing free blood pressure screening in observance of National Heart Health Awareness Month. COL Porter was asked if dependents needed another MMR (Measles, Mumps Rubella) vaccination if they were born prior to 1990. COL Porter's answer is that there is no general recommendation from the CDC for additional doses for those who have completed the recommended 2-dose series. The recommended 2-dose series is usually given at 12 months and 4-6 years. Most kindergarteners have completed the recommended lifetime series of MMR. People who believe that they may not have completed the basic 2-dose series should consult their Primary Care Manager (PCM). The PCM can either order titers (essentially a lab test) or a dose of MMR if there is any doubt. However there is no general recommendation for titers for those with a record of previously receiving two doses of MMR. The CDC did, just today (6 Feb 15), recommend that persons who are 55 years or older should get a booster for Measles if titers shows their antibodies levels to be inadequate.

e. Carlisle Barracks Spouse Club (CBSC). Katherine French reminded the group that the deadline for the CBSC Scholarship is 15 APR. Applications must be postmarked by 15 APR 2015 and high school seniors and college students can apply.

f. Military Family Program. Mrs. Laurel Cioppa reminded the group that registration for the *FLAGS One Week Workshop* (23-27 FEB) is currently underway. Please contact the Military Family Program Office at 717-245-4787 or laurel.a.cioppa.ctr@mail.mil to reserve a spot today.

7. Closing Comments from the Commandant and the Command Group. COL Balcavage, USAWC CofS, encouraged the group to take advantage of the Chapel's "The Art of Marriage" event. He then introduced the new G-1 personnel officer, CW2 Shwanda Napoleon. He also asked CLIF attendees to remain mindful that all the International Fellows are currently TDY, participating in their East and West Coast trips. AMB Shields thanked everyone for the warm welcome and offered his assistance to anyone with an interest in a Foreign Service position with the State Department and/or as a diplomacy resource for students and Family members. Dr. Betros, USAWC Provost, also emphasized students are preparing for their mid-February Oral Comprehensive Exams and reassured attendees that our students are well-prepared. The Oral Comps are one hour in length with 45 minutes of questions and 15 minutes of dialogue with Faculty. CSM Parrish thanked everyone for attending and the Commandant then reminded the group to remain careful since the weather in Pennsylvania will continue to be challenging. He also emphasized how the next few months are a busy time for students with Oral Comprehensive exams, the NSSR-NYC trip, and electives. He reminded everyone that time will pass quickly and they should take advantage of local activities and enjoy the area. He also reminded everyone to be safe and thanked all in attendance, officially closing the meeting at 1143.

Next CLIF Meeting: 4 MAR 2015 (AHEC).

Approved by: Chief of Staff

WILLIAM E. RAPP
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Commandant