

ATWC

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Community Leader Information Forum (CLIF), 4 MAR 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
Dir., SLDR, USAWC
MFP/SLDR, USAWC
G3
G6
Inspector General, USAWC
Commander, DAHC
Commander, USAG
Senior Spouse Representatives
Seminar Spouse Representatives
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
Dr. Thomas Williams
Ms. Laurel Cioppa
COL Robert Wade
LTC Jason Hester
COL William Draper
COL Rebecca Porter
LTC Kimberly Peeples
USAWC Directorates/Centers/Institutes
Seminars 1-20, 22-25
Mrs. Gina Botters

2. Opening Remarks: Meeting commenced at 1100 with MG William E. Rapp, Commandant, United States Army War College, welcoming all in attendance and thanking all for continuing to bring their concerns to leadership for action. MG Rapp provided a brief overview of the March CLIF agenda and then addressed issues raised through 3x5 card comments from the February 2015 CLIF.

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

a. Question/Comment #1: *“What is the status of the large dog park?”*

Response: LTC Peeples, CBks Garrison Commander, stated that the completion date for the temporary large dog park located behind the Veterinary Clinic is scheduled for mid-May. The project is currently with the Contracting Office in the Request for Proposal (RFP) phase.

- b. Question/Comment #2: *“Why hasn’t the sidewalk between the Meadows and Main Post been cleared? This sidewalk was dangerous to walk for a while.”*

Response: LTC Peeples, CBks Garrison Commander, thanked the group for bringing this to the Garrison’s attention. The sidewalk section from the Meadows to Main Post has been addressed with the snow removal as one of the high priority areas to clean. LTC Peeples asked the group if there were any issues with that particular section of sidewalk this morning and none was reported. LTC Peeples asked for help in reporting any unsafe conditions to the Police Desk at 245-4511 (24/7).

- c. Question/Comment #3: *“The railroad tracks just off post (behind Dunham Army Healthcare Clinic) are really rough! Is there anything we can do to get it smoothed?” –Seminar 20*

Response: LTC Peeples, CBks Garrison Commander, informed the group that since the railroad tracks are outside the maintenance jurisdiction of post, she has raised the issue with the Carlisle Borough Manager requesting they work this issue with Norfolk Southern on behalf of Carlisle Barracks. MG Rapp added that since this road is off our installation, we can make them aware of the problem but the time for repair is often dependent on their overall priorities and budget.

- d. Question/Comment #4: *“Could the cafeteria in Root Hall start listing nutritional information of their foods? Perhaps work with the Wellness Center to get it? It would be nice to be able to make a healthier choice for lunch if nutritional information was provided.”*

Response: LTC Peeples, the CBks Garrison Commander, informed the group that that Liz Knouse, Director, FMWR, will work with COL Becky Porter, CDR, Dunham Army Health Clinic to provide nutritional information and calorie count. Liz Knouse will work directly with COL Porter to provide this. The group was cautioned that while the information provided will be close, DAHC does not have a lab capability to precisely assess the nutritional values of the food served. MG Rapp reminded those assembled that the SSRs may need to encourage their student spouses to select the more healthy choices.

- e. Question/Comment #4: *“What more can be done to offer youth safe opportunities to work-out with cardio and strength equipment within the bounds of AR 215-1 paragraphs 8-20d (2-4)? And specifically, what can be done to offer Youth Fitness activities at McConnell Youth Center?”*

Response: LTC Peeples acknowledged that this has been an ongoing concern and issue. AR (Army Regulation) 215-1. Paragraph 8-20d (2-4) restricts access to fitness facilities and programs for children ages 12 and under. While it does allow children ages 13-15 to accompany their parent/guardian, it requires that those youth must participate in the same activity as the parent and remain under their adult supervision at all times. AR 215-1, paragraph 8-20d (204) must be adhered to and

cannot be changed by the Garrison Commander or the Commandant. Liz Knouse added that programs are continually being assessed to provide additional and improved opportunities for youth participation. For example, Carlisle Barracks currently offers a Lifting Club (ages 12 – 15), a Running Club (ages 10 – 18) and Boot Camp (ages 8 – 12). Another question arose from the group in reference to usage of mats by children when they are accompanied by their parent and whether an “exercise mat” is considered “equipment.” Mrs. Knouse addressed this issue, confirmed the use of mats with parental supervision was acceptable and that she would ensure Fitness Staff are aware of this determination.

4. Special Topic Briefs:

a. Jim Thorpe Sports Days (slides #9 and #10). CDR Bill Dwyer, from the Jim Thorpe Sports Days Student Committee, briefed the upcoming Jim Thorpe Sports Days. The event will be held 22-25 APR at the USAWC. This year’s participants include the USAWC, National War College, Eisenhower War College and the Air War College. The committee is excited to have the Air War College back this year as participants. Sporting events for the Jim Thorpe Sports Days include basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, cycling, golf, trap/skeet, Men’s 1 Mile Relay, Women’s 1 Mile Relay, and Combined (male/female) 5K. Additionally, bowling and tennis have been added as new events this year. CDR Dwyer asked that the group consider hosting students from the outside colleges. A car show is scheduled for Carlisle the same weekend as Jim Thorpe Sports Days so lodging will be difficult to find for those participating. Each Seminar has a Jim Thorpe Sports Days representative who will be asking for support. You can also contact CDR Dwyer directly at wdwyer95@yahoo.com if you are willing and able to host. MG Rapp noted that this is a great opportunity to share our hospitality to the participants with our goal to have all Air War College participants hosted since they are coming the greatest distance. CDR Dwyer reminded the group that the Jim Thorpe Sports Days weekend is an important opportunity to share USAWC Spirit and should not be viewed as a four day weekend since participation as either a competitor or spectator is expected. Ms. Liz Knouse added that Jim Thorpe Sports Days are truly a family event and that the opening ceremony offers a special event for all in attendance. Many opportunities for fellowship are also available to include a Fun Run and activities at the Tiki Bar.

b. Senior Spouse Leadership Seminar (SSLS). Mrs. Laurel Cioppa, Director, Military Family Program, highlighted the Senior Spouse Leadership Seminar (SSLS) scheduled for 14 – 16 APR from 0900 – 1500 in Collins Hall. A facilitation team from IMCOM Headquarters will provide a three day intensive workshop covering protocol, resiliency, volunteers, working with difficult individuals and situations, and a Practical Application Workshop. Mrs. Cioppa introduced Mrs. Janell Coker who will be a part of this year’s facilitation team. Mrs. Coker informed the group that the curriculum for the SSLS is updated each year to remain current and relevant for senior spouses. There is no prerequisite for participating in the workshop and Mrs. Cioppa is currently taking reservations. Please contact the Military Family Program at 717-245-4787 or e-mail

Laurel Cioppa directly at laurel.a.cioppa.ctr@mail.mil to reserve your space in the SSSL.

5. G3 Calendar Review:

a. COL Bob Wade, the USAWC G3, reviewed highlights from the upcoming MAR, APR, MAY and JUN Integrated Master Calendars (see slides #12-20).

March 2015 highlights included:

- 11-14 MAR National Security Staff Ride to New York City (NSSR-NYC)
- 13 MAR South Middleton School District/St. Patrick's Snow Make Up
- 17 MAR Spouse Resiliency Workshop
- 18 MAR CBSC Luncheon for International Spouses
- 20 MAR Carlisle School District Snow Make Up Day
- 21 MAR Strength for Wisdom (SfW) 5K Run
- 28 MAR Easter Egg Hunt
- 30 MAR Cumberland Valley School District Snow Make Up Day
- 31 MAR Cumberland Valley School District Snow Make Up Day

April 2015 highlights included:

- 01 APR CLIF (AHEC)
- 02 APR Mechanicsburg Area School District Snow Make Up Day
- 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
- 17 APR MST Guys Night In
- 22 APR Army Reserve Birthday
- 23-25 APR Jim Thorpe Sports Days
- 29 APR CLIF (date of MAY CLIF – AHEC)
- 30 APR ACS Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

May 2015 highlights included:

- 04-07 MAY NSSR #3 Washington, D.C. (students only)
- 09 Joint Ball
- 16 Spring Yard Sale
- 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.

6. Command and Staff Updates:

Garrison. LTC Peeples thanked everyone for their ongoing patience with the Winter snow removal and closures. LTC Peeples stated that DAHC has been using a temporary boiler for the last thirty days and that the HVAC system at the CDC had broken forcing the CDC to temporarily move operations to the Youth Center. The HVAC system has been fixed, but the CDC had to move students to the Youth Center each day. Equipment also had to be moved daily by the staff. LTC Peeples thanked all of the staff for their outstanding efforts. The Commandant added that the HVAC issue had caused the employees of the CDC to move the items a total of six times and thanked the staff of the CDC and Youth Services for their combined efforts. LTC Peeples also thanked those in attendance for their patience with the issues that the Winter had brought on with the new housing on post. LTC Peeples reminded all in attendance to bring up any housing issues immediately with Teresa Steele from Balfour Beatty and Bif Coyle from Army Housing. LTC Peeples also informed the group that a power outage is scheduled for Sunday, MAR 15 in order to make the necessary repairs to the Marshall Ridge Generator. This will also necessitate the closing of Ashburn Drive Gate at 1700 that day with all traffic entering the installation via the Claremont Road gate. This pre-planned power outage will affect Marshal Ridge Housing, Quarters One, 315 Lovell Ave, and Bldg. 253 from 7 to 8 a.m. to connect to a temporary generator and again from 8 – 9 p.m. as power is restored. Please note that Root Hall also is scheduled for closure that day from approximately 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

a. Housing. Teresa Steele from Balfour Beatty (BBC) thanked the group for their patience with the ongoing issues with the new housing brought on by the Winter weather. The issue with the frozen pipes is a design issue and on 20 FEB the architect provided a long term solution. We are reviewing how best to implement that solution without causing major disruption to the residents as extensive work will have to be performed in the garages. Since many residents use their garages for storage, we want to ensure the least disruption to your activities. Residents are also affected by a national recall on the stoves in the residences. Since this is a national recall, Balfour Beatty cannot repair or make adjustments on the stoves. The recall must be performed by the company. Since it is an issue related to the gas stoves, BBC asks residents to not attempt to make any adjustments or repairs themselves. BBC appreciates your continued patience with this issue and acknowledges the inconvenience to residents. The Commandant reminded those in attendance the importance of continuing to bring housing issues to the attention of Balfour Beatty immediately since it helps them address issues that may impact more than one household. A question was raised in reference to the new power bills as to why the bill presents an amount but is marked: "No payment due." Ms. Steele stated that payments are not required until the total amount owed exceeds \$15.00. She also reminded everyone that Heritage Heights (Phase II) should expect their electric bills in March and that questions about their bills should be addressed with BBC, not the power company. Ms. Steele also asked the group to provide names of who would be in housing during the New York City trip so that if an emergency work-order or repair is needed, they know who you have authorized to approve that action. LTC Peeples and Ms. Steele will work together and

the Garrison to pass information regarding Student Guests who are cleared for Post Access for the New York City Trip and provide those names to BBC by the Garrison.

b. The Exchange. The Exchange announced that the grand opening of the Barber Shop will be scheduled for APR and the new manager will be Patricia Jones as of 28 March 2015.

c. The Commissary. The commissary will be open on Easter Sunday (5 APR) from 1100 to 1600 for shoppers' convenience. Sales and promotions for the Carlisle Commissary can be found on www.commissaries.com – use location tab and select Carlisle Barracks.

d. Dunham Army Health Clinic. COL Porter thanked all in attendance for their continued patience with the rescheduling of appointments based on weather closures. DAHC is observing Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Awareness this month.

e. G9, International Fellows Program. COL John Burbank informed the group that 37 new International Fellows will be arriving for the Academic Prep Course next month. These individuals will be part of the AY16 Resident class. Please be aware of their presence and offer assistance if needed.

f. Senior Leader Development and Resiliency (SLDR). Dr. Williams, Director SLDR, informed the SSRs that there will be an AAR (After Action Review) Luncheon scheduled for May to include the SSRs and the Command Group. The luncheon is an expression of thanks to the SSRs for their many efforts as important leaders within the CLIF. The luncheon also provides an opportunity to receive feedback from the SSRs about their SSR related experiences during the AY15 year. Invitations will be sent to the SSRs by Laurel Cioppa with the Military Family Program for the event.

g. Carlisle Barracks Spouse Club (CBSC). Kristy Cormier reminded all in attendance that the ducks for the Duck Derby are now on sale. If you are interested in purchasing a duck, please see Kristy for further details. Kathy 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. The International Fellows Spouse Luncheon is scheduled for 18 MAR and she related this is a very special event that you will not want to miss.

h. Military Family Program. Mrs. Laurel Cioppa highlighted the upcoming Spouse Resiliency Workshop scheduled for 17 MAR from 0830 to 1430 at AHEC. Please make your reservation with the Military Family Program at 717-245-4787 or contact Laurel Cioppa by e-mail at laurel.a.cioppa.ctr@mail.mil. The event is open to the entire Carlisle Barracks community with priority given to FLAGS participants. Due to space limitations, the event has been capped at 100 participants.

i. COL Balcavage stated that he and ten members of the Carlisle Barracks Command Group, ACS, and Garrison, observed the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) General Officer Steering Committee (GOSC) chaired by the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, GEN Daniel B. Allyn on 10 FEB. Information provided through the AFAP process gives commanders and leaders insight into current satisfaction detractors, quality of life needs, and expectations of Army constituents. Army leadership uses the information to effect changes that improve standards of living and support programs. The issues brought to the GOSC are issues that cannot be resolved at the local level and generally require may require an Army policy change or congressional action to resolve. Issues discussed at the GOSC included Resilience Training for Army Children, a standardization of the Total Army Sponsorship Program, Over Medication Prevention and Alternative Treatment for Military Healthcare System Beneficiaries, and a Formal Standardized Training for Designated Caregivers of Wounded Warriors. Two Carlisle Barracks issues that have been raised to the GOSC level are efforts to “streamline” Youth Services registration for sports programs and issues related to Military Spouse Preference for Federal Employment, specifically the time and distance stipulation with a request to increase it from a two to three year preference.

7. Closing Comments from the Commandant and the Command Group. CSM Parrish thanked the group for their continued diligence in bringing awareness of issues to the Command Group for resolution. Mrs. Shields added that the snow make-up day for St. Patrick’s School is 13 MAR (date was added to calendar slides). COL Funk reminded the Spouses that several students are flagged as Dental CAT 4. This means that the Service Member will remain non-deployable until the issue is addressed with the Dental Clinic and COL Funk related that he has encouraged students to complete this action. MG Rapp stated that next year’s list of AY16 USAWC students is scheduled for release within the next two to three weeks. He noted that is likely to generate a flurry of questions from many of our current students and Spouses from your friends who will join us for the AY16 Class. MG Rapp reported that we have our USAWC Welcome Webpage established and ready to provide them lots of valuable information that we think they will find helpful. He expressed his thanks for those who have helped by providing both information and great testimonials about their experiences living on post, within the Carlisle area, and with their academic year. MG Rapp reminded everyone about next week’s New York City trip. He also encouraged everyone to exercise caution since winter weather is still with us for a while. MG Rapp thanked all in attendance, officially closing the meeting at 1155. Next CLIF Meeting: 1 APR 2015 (AHEC).

Approved by: Chief of Staff

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Commandant