

CLIF Minutes 7 November 2012

MG Cucolo, Commandant US Army War College, opened the meeting at 1102 and welcomed all in attendance.

NYC Status:

- Due to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, a number of Small Group Visit Hosts have removed their offer to host Army War College groups while in NYC. This has caused MG Cucolo to reorder students to other remaining SGV and forcing him to make the SGV's for Students Only. The AWC Staff is working to identify activities and Volunteers Opportunities to fill THURSDAY of the NYC Trip week for spouses. G3 and MFP has the lead.
- Re: Uniform for the USAWC Foundation Reception THURS eve is business or ASU's (preferred for service members).
- We ask that every student/spouse bring a canned good for donation. There will be a collection box in the OPS Center at the Hotel. No glass, prefer protein items like peanut butter, canned meats, etc.
- Jeans Update: The Commandant will not make policy for the 1% of those who might need such guidance. He withdrew the "No Jeans" policy for NYC but expects all students and spouses to dress appropriately while in NYC representing the College. Jeans will be the appropriate dress for our volunteers working in the storm recovery. "Show the flag" and wear USAWC logo while volunteering.
- Tetanus shots were discussed as volunteers might need to be sure that they have a current (within 10 years) vaccination. MFP will follow up with people on the ground to verify.

3x5 Cards:

MG Cucolo reviewed 3x5 cards from OCT. See slides.

- A qst for the SLO about the End-of-Qtr day changed due to storm school cancellation and would this affect all quarter ends. SLO responded yes, that all CASD quarters will be a day later.
- Dunham staff issues. Ask for patience as they work to hire several more DR's. Please allow use of nursing staff for routine or "well patient" issues until the staffing shortages are resolved.

- Question of why Delaney Club House usage is limited to current residents but that others can ask current residents to “sponsor” them. Some of the attendees felt that this put residents in an unfair situation. It was also noted that other privatized housing communities offer use of the club house to all military (no matter their resident status), as long as the deposit is made to cover damages. BB indicated that they would work with all requests and that Teresa Steele may reconsider the current policy.
- DoD Sticker less Cars...the policy states that a car with the driver carrying a military ID will be cleared for access and should not be sent to the visitors line. This applies to all military facilities. However, all cars are subject to random search.
- LVCC (ASB issues) acknowledged problems. A 2nd bartender is now in place for dance lessons; larger class requires more staff at LVCC.
- Catholic and Protestant Youth Group joint activities? New Youth Director will work with Lisa White (Catholic DRE) to schedule joint activities.

Senior Citizen’s Holiday Social

- COL Joss Aberle briefed. Social is 6 DEC, 1200 to 1500, LVCC. We need lots of volunteers to be escorts, greeters, servers, and cookie bakers (need 300 dozen cookies!). Also need entertainers. Please see the website at www.carlisle.army.mil/holidaysocial to volunteer. High school age students are welcomed to support as servers or coat checkers. Join the Spouses Club (CBSC) on 27 NOV to decorate the LVCC for the holidays! Direct questions to Greg Jones at Gregory.e.jones.mil@mail.mil. Flyer included.

Holiday Leave Dates:

- See slide. The AWC calendar is synched with the CASD; other school districts, not so. Check your children’s school calendar for back to school date after the holidays! AWC students may depart for winter recess after 1300 on 12/21 for winter recess; winter recess ends on 01/02/2013 (AWC class returns to normal operations on 3 JAN 2013).

Winter Emergency and Closure Notification:

- See slides for resident snow removal responsibilities. Please ensure that your children don’t play in any of the large snow piles. This is dangerous. Also, please leave the snow markers in place which are used to mark sidewalks, fire hydrant

placement, etc. Yield to snow clearing vehicles and practice safety. Thanks for your support.

- See enclosed procedure to register for the mass notification system.
- LIKE the U.S. Army War College Face Book page and you'll get instant closure notifications.

PAO/Legislative Liaison:

- TRADOC Holiday Concert on 29 NOV, 1800 hrs , Bliss Hall. Bring your family and begin the holidays with this wonderful concert!
- RSVP for your free tickets to Tom Conning, PAO, 717-245-3639.

STAFF Additional:

MWR:

- LVCC is open for Thanksgiving. Make your reservations asap.
- Christkindl Mart on DEC 8th. Over 80 vendors at AHEC.

Dunham Army Health Clinic:

- Clinic is still giving FLU Shots. See attached slides for details.
- Save money and get your cold/flu remedies from Dunham. Patients must take the Self-Care Class first. See their website for class schedule!
- The Army Wellness Center is taking appts for health assessments, nutrition counseling, Wellness education, etc. Call 245-4004 to schedule.
- Register for Health Online services to manage your healthcare from the web. Must sign up at Dunham.

Army Community Service:

- To commemorate November as the Month of the Military Family, come to ACS's Open House on 30 NOV. Get FREE Credit Reports, take a "Holiday Blues" class, and see about seasonal employment opportunities. Spouses will also have a chance to take the Master Resilience Training resilience assessment tool. Pulled Pork and Hotdogs for all.

Garrison:

- Family Advocacy Life Consultant has been hired to manage EFMP and SHARP programs.
- The Gym under the bleachers is Women Only, M-FR, 0900-1100.

Chapel:

- 5 DEC, 1630; XMAS Tree Lighting Ceremony. Sleigh Rides, Christmas Carols, Santa on the Fire Truck! Refreshments!
- See the bulletin for Christmas Service schedule.

MG Cucolo closed the meeting with his Holiday Safety Brief. "Police ourselves, look out for one another," and have a wonderful holiday.

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COL Snyder closed the Command Portion of the meeting at 1220.

Spouse Meeting:

Ginger opened the meeting at 1230.

Cynthia talked about the Spouse Project and is looking for ideas. Some things mentioned but not exclusive list.

- Mental Health of our soldiers after ten years of war...a "how to" in navigating the health care system
- A project that applies to active and reserve components
- Resilience of our families
- Book of Local activities/places
- Kids education as they move around.
- Short and concise resource to hit all of what we've mentioned.
- Senior Spouse resource of what works, what to know, where to go to get help, etc.

Ginger noted that we have many resources but lack any "user friendly," one place to go type resource. Video is a good idea (list of Top Ten <<whatever>> party ideas, how to deal with single commander and family programs, what works, tried and true ideas) etc.

Must be specific, not too broad of a subject.

Decided to query spouses and get their answers to questions:

What would you have liked to know as you went into BN Command?

What ONE thing has served you well in your military spouse journey?

MFP will send a note to all spouses and get them thinking about these questions while on the trip. SSR's, please generate discussion and note any themes or ideas.

MFP will schedule a Spouse Project Meeting in early DEC after Thanksgiving. Communicate with SSR's and Cynthia to coordinate.

Other:

AHEC sponsoring essay contest in support of National American Indian Heritage Month.

Theme: American Indian contributions to the US Army

Open to school aged children at Carlisle Barracks

Due by 20 NOV.; winner announced on 28 NOV.

Two page/single spaced, no images

Prize: 4 tickets to Hershey park Christmas Candy Lane

POC Jessie faller Parrett, 717-245-3641.

Meeting concluded at 1330.

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