

SPECIAL NEEDS FORUM & INSTALLATION FAMILY READINESS COUNCIL (IFRC) MEETING

2nd QUARTER 2017

Minutes 14 February 2017

MCCS Camp Allen Personnel:

Vincent Negron, Director

Karina Phillips, Deputy Director, EFMP Program Manager

Tracy Fearon, MCFTB Director, MCCS Coordinator

Mike Corrie, Semper Fit

Ken Boyer, Business Operations Manager

Doretta Richardson, MCFTB Trainer

Janice Palmer, EFMP TEO

Command Representatives

MACS 24: Maj Nathan Rasmussen, SSgt Jeffery Harbourn, FRO

MARDET Dam Neck: MGySgt Aaron Hoffman; Mrs. Michelle Hoffman

MARDET NSOM: GySgt Kristine Shaw, Deputy FRO

MARFORCOM & MARFORCOM HQSVCBN: Col Chuck Dunne, GySgt Rubin LeCount, RPCS Shari Chisholm, Mr. Colin Moore, FRO; Ms. Kai Faison

MCSCG: MSgt Osvaldo Perez; Mr. Rob Rabuse

MCSFR: Sgt Gregory Zeoli, SSgt Brendan O'Bryant; Mrs. Sandra O'Bryant

Other Community Representatives

Joanna Strong, Housing Service Center, Norfolk *

Sheila Crute, Family Housing, NWS Yorktown*

Danielle Mathis, Family Housing, NAS Oceana*

* present for Special Needs Forum only

Tracy Fearon called the meeting to order at 0900. Col Dunne welcomed everyone to the meeting and highlighted upcoming events, including:

- Wounded Warrior Potluck: 15 Feb 17
- LINKS Mentor Training: 22 & 23 Feb 17
- FRA Training: 25 Feb 17
- LINKS for Kids: 11 Mar 17

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- SAPR Run: 7 April
- Health Fair & 5K: 19 May
- NMCRS Combined Federal Campaign Fund (CFC) drive
 - Col Dunne will be meeting with local USMC leaders about the CFC
 - Last FY ~\$160k was utilized by Marines and family members in Hampton Roads

MCCS Director Vincent Negron welcomed attendees.

Round table introductions

EFMP UPDATES

Janice Palmer, EFMP TEO

- EFMP office has new admin assistant, Leona Bacote Thomas. She can be reached at 757-953-2291.
- EFMP office is located at NMCP, Bldg. 3, 4th floor. EFMP Program Manager Karina Phillips is located at Camp Allen in MCCS Admin Building.
- 22 Feb 2017 marks the seven-year anniversary of the EFMP in Hampton Roads.
- 15 March (Northwest Annex) and 29 March (Fort Monroe) 1000-1130. “Walk and Talk” takes place bimonthly and is open al all USMC families. There is no fitness requirement as the group is more about fellowship and support than exercise. RSVP to Janice at 757-953-2222.
- 26 March 0900-1100, Quarterly event at the Children’s Museum of Virginia, 221 High Street, Portsmouth. “Special Day for Special Needs.” An opportunity for children with special needs and their families to enjoy museum exploration with a reduced number of visitors. The museum will open early, some exhibits will be adapted, and quiet space will be available. The museum will admit one caretaker per special needs child for free, and the MCCS Camp Allen EFMP will pay for the exceptional family member. **RSVPs are required** to Janice at 757-953-2222. For USMC EFMP families only.
- Commanders’ reports are sent to COs or their designees quarterly, being sent by the end of February 2017. Marines with EFMs are required to update every three years or if there are any changes.
- EFMP families with an EFM of level of need 3 or 4 qualify for 20 hours of respite care per month. Respite care is for the primary caregiver to “take a break” from their caregiving responsibilities. FMI contact Karina Phillips at 757-445-6876 or Lisa Dain, Family Caseworker, at 757-953-2270.

Joanna Strong spoke:

- In addition to military housing, the Navy Housing Office also:
 - assists service members with finding housing out on town
 - provides workshops on home-buying, renting out your home, and selling your home
 - offers command briefs
 - oversees the Rental Partnership Program (RPP)

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- assists with landlord-tenant mediations
- assists with showing services
- has rental listings
- reviews leases before tenant signs

Marine Corps Exchange Updates : 757-423-1187

- Plenty of gift ideas, regardless of the holiday
- In response to customer feedback, more women's active wear will be in stock
- New apparel from North Face features brighter colors and graphic designs
- MCX Ticket office features tickets to local and national attractions. Great Wolf Lodge was recently added at a great savings over rack rate. Hotel discount, Disney properties, local sporting events and more
- Revenue from the MCX goes back into MCCA programs
- MCX price matches and can pre-shop for command events
- Make a purchase at the gun counter and receive a free 30 day membership to the Camp Allen Indoor Shooting Range
- "Baby and Me" program
- "Star Student" program
- MCX takes all scratch-off coupons from other services
- Service station for routine maintenance, state inspections and more

MCFTB Updates: 757-445-6875

- LifeSkills classes:
 - "Before I Do." New class for engaged or newly-married (less than two years). Covers many of the common pitfalls couples face
- LINKS classes:
 - 20 & 23 February, LINKS Mentor Training
 - 11 March, LINKS for Kids
 - LINKS for Marines is available at command request, will travel to your location
- For information about any of the above, or to register, call MCFTB at 757-445-6875
- Personal Readiness Seminar (PRS)
 - 3 March, Pilot class for SNCOs to observe/participate and FPDS Marines to experience
 - Required for all Marines within 90 days of arriving at first permanent duty station (FPDS)
 - FAC 1700.37
 - Coordinated effort between HQSVCBN, MCCA, P&PD, and FFSC is bringing PRS to Hampton Roads

Unit & Family Readiness Funds (U&FRF)

- Marine Corps-wide 50% reduction in U&FRF.
 - 25% in NAF FY 17

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- 25% in NAF FY 18
- All Marines will receive a total \$18.75 for NAF FY 17
 - If on a USMC installation funds will come from MCCS
 - Not on installation:
 - Commands should receive \$10 in funds from Navy (sister service) MWR
 - Remaining \$8.75 will come from MCCS
- Commands should make sure that funds are spent throughout the year to equitably benefit the UPFRP population
- Funds will be spent in accordance with MCO 1754.9a and local U&FRF SOP, updated February 17
- Tax exempt forms must be used. Reconciliations with receipts that show taxes were paid will not be accepted. Commands will be required to pay for taxes out of pocket or go back to vendor for reimbursement

MCCS DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Camp Allen Indoor Shooting Range: **757-489-2585**
 - 14 lanes in two bays, one bay currently down for maintenance
 - Wide variety of rental guns
 - Retail area for accessories and clothing
 - Daily and monthly locker rentals
 - Knowledgeable staff
 - Open seven days a week and most holidays
 - Can be reserved for command shoots/quals/events
- Semper Fit: **757-445-2742 (Hopkins Hall Gym)**
 - Personal Training Plans
 - HITT (can go to commands)
 - HITT Level 1: 19-23 June 17
 - Health Promotions (smoking cessation, nutrition, etc.)
 - Health and Safety Fair combined with 100 Days of Summer: 19 May 17
 - Spring Golf Tourney: 21 April 17
 - Offers coordinated command PT
 - Outdoor Equipment Rental is go-to place for gear **757-749-7897**
 - Currently no charge, will be for-fee in the future
 - Wide variety of quality kayaks, canoes, camping equipment, mountain bikes, etc.
 - Future plans to expand selection and types of items offered
 - For command events contact MCCS Coordinator at 757-445-6875
- Single Marine Program: **757-445-5104**
 - SMP Volunteer and Recreational event calendars on SMP page of www.mccscampallen.com

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- MAC Center (recreation center at Camp Allen) is undergoing total renovation to make it more recreation oriented, including new TVs, gaming systems, pool table, and more
- 17-21 April 2017: SMP Days of Service. Mark dates and stay tuned for volunteer opportunities throughout Hampton Roads
- 2017 events and activities being finalized

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Fearon, MCFTB Director