



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT SILL
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MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, US Army Garrison Fort Sill

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Sill Family and Community Team Session (SillFACTS),
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1. Welcome/Opening Remarks.

a. Ms. Cheryl Foster, SillFACTS Coordinator, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees and visitors. All were reminded the meeting is recorded for use in preparation of the official minutes. Attendees who wish to receive electronic SillFACTS information were asked to provide an email address to Ms. Foster or send an email to cheryl.foster1@us.army.mil. She announced volunteer recognition pictures from the SillFACTS meeting will be available on the Family and MWR website at www.sillmwr.com for viewing on downloading; click on the *Flickr* icon at the top of the page.

b. The deadline to submit nominations for the 2015 Volunteer Helping Hands Award is 17 February 2015. The nominations should be turned into Mr. JD Famoly, Army Volunteer Corps Program Manager, Army Community Service (ACS). For more information, contact Mr. Famoly at (580) 442-4682.

2. New Business Items.

a. Spring Weather Preparedness. Point of contact is Mr. Steve Gluck, (580) 442-2533. Mr. Steve Sayer briefed weather safety and preparedness, emphasizing the importance of knowing what to do when storms hit. The City of Lawton will sound their sirens if a tornado is spotted or in the event of straight-line winds 65 miles per hour or greater. Know where storm shelters are located near your home and at work. Sign up for Code Red and Nixle area alerts and notifications. There are many websites to assist you in preparing for storms and how to put together an emergency kit. For more information, call the Emergency Manager's Office at (580) 442-2533. Mr. Sayer announced there will be a Tornado Exercise Seminar on 12 February 2015, and all building managers need to attend. COL Waters stated all building and facility managers should be doing regular fire and tornado drills.

b. Industrial Training Complex (ITC). Point of contact is Ms. Jane Cunningham, (580) 442-6428. In October 2014, the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) was rebranded as Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program. This is still a commander's program. This program has two objectives. The first objective is to prepare our Soldiers for the major transition from active

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duty to civilian life by meeting Career Ready Standards. The second is to connect Soldiers with organizations and companies to assist them in finding a new career. Soldiers may now start this program as early as 18 months from their ETS date. Soldiers must have completed the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) Act requirement to be eligible for the program. The purpose of the ITC is to connect Soldiers in Transition with our industry partners who offer job training and job placement opportunities. The ITC is located in Building 2502 on Sheridan Road (formerly known as the RecPlex). There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on 27 March 2015, 1100. The first class at the new ITC on Sheridan Road began 3 January, and class graduation is 27 February 2015. The Fire Suppression Sprinkler Systems Apprenticeship class will begin 3 March 2015. MG Rossi asked commanders to talk to their Soldiers planning to leave the Army to ensure they have financial plans for the future. Remind them that once they leave the military, they will have to pay for health insurance. COL Waters announced there will be a Fort Sill Job Fair/Soldier for Life Hiring Event on 26 March 2015, 1030-1430, at the Rinehart Fitness Center on Fort Sill. Leaders are reminded to get involved and share this information with their Soldiers. Find out which companies are coming and have interested Soldiers get a resume submitted before the event. At the last job fair many companies did job interviews on the spot, so it is important to have a resume prepared. Mr. Miller, Director of Human Resources, said when a Soldier decides to leave the military the transition affects the whole Family. There are many decisions to make. Please get this important information back to the units.

c. Army Community Classes Eligible for Promotion Points. Point of contact is Ms. Jean Mills, ACS Director, (580) 442-6962. ACS was recently informed Soldiers can now earn promotion points by attending selected ACS classes. They can earn 4 promotion points for each 40 hours of certain ACS classes attended. These classes **cannot** be a mandatory class such as Annual Troop Training or First Term Financial Training. The Soldier must have a DA Form 87 signed by a LTC or equivalent that lists the class name and hours. Some of the eligible classes include Army Family Team Building modules, Family Advocacy classes, and Army Family Readiness classes. A listing of many ACS classes for which Soldiers may earn points was included in the printed packet provided to each attendee.

d. Army Emergency Relief (AER). Point of contact is Ms. Zilpa Oseguera, Army Community Service, (580) 442-3080. The 2015 Fort Sill Army Emergency Relief Campaign will be 3 March through 14 April 2015. Support to this campaign provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers (active and retired) and their Families, to include spouses and orphans of deceased Army members. AER provides interest free loans and/or grants. Last year Fort Sill AER helped 400 Families with \$487K. The AER Campaign goal this year is to raise \$150K with 100 percent service member contact. The campaign will kick-off with a reception on 6 March 2015, 1530, at the Patriot Club. All campaign workers must attend. The guest speaker is COL (Retired) Andrew H. Cohen, the AER Headquarters Deputy Director for Finance and Treasurer. There will be a Financial Readiness Expo following the reception. MG Rossi's guidance on the campaign is to provide command involvement (resources and activities) to execute a successful campaign, ensure

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attendance at the kick-off reception, 100 percent contact with all eligible donors, AER unit representative attendance at all trainings, and recognition of the key personnel at campaign conclusion. MG Rossi reminded attendees it is not mandatory to contribute money to the AER campaign, but it is mandatory to make 100 percent contact with eligible donors.

3. Directors' Update.

a. G3/5/7 Topics of Interest. Point of contact is COL Darne, (580) 558-0504. Mr. Greg Marcum provided an FCOE update on upcoming events to include: Community Prayer Luncheon 5 February 2015; Substance Abuse training for civilian employees on 10-11 February 2015; Tornado Exercise Seminar on 12 February 2015 at the Reimer Conference Center; the upcoming President's Day Holiday; African American/Black History Month Luncheon on 19 February 2015; and the 95th AG Battalion Ribbon Cutting on 20 February 2015.

b. DENTAC. COL Roberts announced the Weeks Dental Clinic will be open on the President's Day Training Holiday (13 February 2015). Signs are posted at the other clinics for awareness.

c. Reynolds Army Community Hospital (RACH). COL Cardenas announced February is National Heart Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Many times heart disease can be prevented by making healthy choices and managing health conditions. Plan for prevention by getting checkups once a year, check your blood pressure often, check your cholesterol levels, maintain a healthy weight, and do not smoke. COL Cardenas stated the Fort Sill Wellness Center has seen a significant increase of demand in January, with a 100 percent increase in demand since transitioning to an Urgent Care Center. Also, parents are walking in to get medical notes for sick children missing school, and he asked parents to work with RACH staff to get those notes. The 24-hour Nurse Advice Line is available by calling 1-800-874-2273. The Nurse Advice Line can help caller make informed decisions about self-care at home or when to see a health care provider. You can also use the walk-in clinic service Monday through Friday, 0800 to 1130 and 1300 to 1500. RACH will observe the President's Day Training holiday on 13 February 2015. Primary Care will be reduced, the pharmacy and Pharmissary will be open, and the Urgent Care Clinic will be open.

d. School Superintendent Update. Dr. Deighan thanked MG Rossi and COL Waters for adding him to the agenda. He explained the Freedom Elementary School construction is on target, and the principal will be chosen this month. Information will be provided at the March SillFACTS meeting showing the steps of progress to include enrollment. Dr. Deighan introduced Ms. Melissa Matallana as the new Lawton Public School (LPS) liaison to Fort Sill. He said Ms. Matallana comes with an incredible amount of experience. She serves as the Oklahoma parent representative on the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children. This Compact governs the ability for state and school districts to adapt or adopt new policies or changes. For instance, if a child comes to Oklahoma and the class requirements are different, the

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Compact gives authority to change it. This is the first time LPS has had a military liaison, and Ms. Matallana is a great resource for LPS questions. COL Waters asked if a date was set for the on post elementary school children to transition to the new school. Mr. Deighan said students from Geronimo Road and Sheridan Road Elementary schools will transition to the new Freedom Elementary on 1 May 2015. The actual construction will be finished by 1 March 2015, and LPS will have cooks and custodial workers on site prior to the arrival of the children on 1 May 2015.

e. Directorate of Resource Management. Mr. Porter reminded everyone of training sessions throughout the month, adding February is Military Saves Month.

f. Chaplain's Office. The Catholic Congregation is hosting Mardi Gras Night at Frontier Chapel on 17 February 2015, 1800 to 2030L. The first 400 people to arrive will receive a free steak dinner. Spiritual Pillar is 5 February 2015 at Frontier Chapel. Holiday services are coming up for Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. There will be a Family Retreat in Bricktown on 27-29 March 2015. The topic is The Five Love Languages. Call (580) 442-5003 for information.

g. Armed Services YMCA. The ASYMCA is hosting its annual Father Daughter Dance on 21 February 2015, 1830-2100, at Lawton City Hall. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Call Ms. Virginia Hatcher at (580) 355-5520 for more information.

4. Garrison Update. COL Waters asked everyone to help share information about the Community Prayer Luncheon at Frontier Chapel on the first Thursday of every month. On 27 February 2015, COL Waters will have breakfast with realtors from Lawton followed by a tour of housing. There will be a School Superintendents' Healthy Based Initiative (HBI) Luncheon at Tincher Child Development Center on 25 February 2015. The Central Issue Facility (CIF) will be reflagged on 20 March 2015 at 1000 and will be known as Code Talker Hall. The Visitor Control Center (VCC) is open from 0700 to 1700 at this time, and they are issuing access passes. Their main focus is getting the one year passes issued to Fort Sill employees. The Department of Emergency Services has scanned 5,000 applicants to date, and 175 have been flagged. Beginning 9 February 2015, the VCC will be open 24 hours a day. On 17 February 2015, the new gate access procedures will be in full operation, and non-ID card holders will not be allowed to enter post at any gate other than via Sheridan Road. The phone number to the VCC is (580) 442-9602/9603. There is a weekly VCC meeting every Thursday, 1500, in the Fort Sill Conference Center. The meeting is open to the public. The next VCC meeting has been moved to 11 February 2015 (Wednesday) because of the four day holiday weekend. The Post Wide Retirement Ceremony is 27 March 2015, as well as the next Final Friday event at the Patriot Club. We will host only two Final Fridays a year now. The first one will be hosted by the Air Defense Artillery, and the second one (August timeframe) will be hosted by the Field Artillery. Check out the Family and MWR website at www.sillmwr for information on these and other events on Fort Sill.

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5. Closing Remarks. MG Rossi said the VCC is opening this month, and its effectiveness depends on who well we implement the process. We want open communications with our community. He announced beginning 9 February 2015, alcohol sales on post will be changed from 24 hours a day to 1000 to 2200. This is in line with the City of Lawton. Statics show alcohol sales after 2200 are the leading cause of accidents and other incidents. We have many "wellness" programs such as HBI, smoking cessation classes, substance abuse awareness, etc. So reducing the sales of alcohol on post is fitting. We will continue to sell alcohol on Sunday since many veterans from out of town do their shopping that day. Alcohol sales at the Patriot Club, Impact Zone, and the Bowling Center will continue as usual.

6. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1115. Ms. Cheryl Foster announced the next SillFACTS meeting will be 3 March, 1000, at the Fort Sill Conference Center. For more information or to recommend suggested briefing topics for future SillFACTS meeting, please contact Ms. Foster at (580) 442-3113 or COL Waters at (580) 442-3106. Emails are also welcome at cheryl.foster1@us.army.mil or glenn.a.waters.mil@mail.mil.


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