



Army Alliance Annual Breakfast

**Richlin Ballroom
27 November 2017**



Agenda

8:00 Networking/Breakfast Served

8:45 Welcome

Mr. Tom Albro
President, Army Alliance

9:00 Key Note Speaker

MG Randy S. Taylor
Commanding General, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command
Aberdeen Proving Ground Senior Mission Commander

9:40 APG Discovery Center

Mr. Barney Michel
President, APG Centennial Celebration Association (ACCA)

9:55 Presentation of Sponsorship Certificates and Closing Comments

Mr. Tom Albro



Breakfast Service



Welcome

Thank you everyone for attending.

Special appreciation to our TEAM APG members and our Congressional Delegation staff members in attendance, along with our special guest:

Major General Randy Taylor



Army Alliance Mission

- Preserve APG as a national asset along with its six centers of excellence
- Inform elected officials, decision-makers, and the community about issues impacting APG
- Position Northeastern Maryland for next BRAC, as well as protect and grow the missions, programs and jobs at APG

Alliance Organization & Structure

- Established in 1999
- 501(c)4 community advocacy organization
- All volunteer board
- Funding through grants & sponsorships
 - Harford County
 - Maryland Department of Commerce
 - Cecil County
 - Cities/Town Aberdeen, Bel Air, & Havre de Grace
 - Multiple business and individual sponsorships

Federal Initiatives

- Currently operating under a FY 2017 Continuing Resolution (CR) through December 8, but many APG priorities appear to be in line to see funding increases when Congress finishes its FY 2018 work.
- Army Facility, Sustainment, Restoration and Management (FSRM) received \$4.08 billion in the Senate Appropriations bill (\$120 million increase in House bill), an increase of \$679.2 million over the Budget request
 - Report language included on Army Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization [SRM] and Facility Reduction Funding.
 - The Committee has provided additional resources for FSRM. The Secretary of the Army is encouraged to use a portion of these funds on Army testing facilities and for the demolition of contaminated military facilities that are no longer in use.
 - FY 2018 Budget request increased funding to specifically support increased building demolition at APG.
- Threat of BRAC continues to loom – efforts were made this year but DoD and Congress could not get approval.
 - Efforts are likely to continue (i.e., BRAC by a different name, non-conventional BRAC activity such as manpower reductions, etc.)

Federal Initiatives cont.

- Army Corps of Engineers study (NDAA 2017) was delivered on July 31st.
- In the report, the cost for the removal of 63 facilities at APG was characterized.
- The Army's estimates are as high as \$507.1M over a 10-year period/plan.
 - Facility Group 1 - Has an estimated cost of \$136.2M; targets the highest-risk facilities; reduces risk to APG's Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear Research Corridor along Ricketts Point Road; and protects adjacent Army Reserve/Guard assets by removing building E3300 and E3200 block facilities.
 - Facility Group 2 - Has an estimated cost of \$370.9M; targets high- and moderate-risk facilities; completes high-risk mitigation to APG's research corridor along Ricketts Point Road by removing building E3100 and E3600 block facilities; and reduces the risk to APG's community and the environment by removing moderate-risk facilities in the E5300, E5400, and E5600 blocks.

Federal Initiatives cont.

- The Senate Appropriations Committees provides a \$29 million increase for The Defense Education Program over the Budget request totaling \$103.3 million.
- Provide improvements for APG workforce recruitment
 - Requesting OPM study to evaluate the effectivity of USAJOBS, particularly issues associated with the current questionnaire
 - Increase percentage available and applicable functional positions for direct hire by additional tenants
- Address Garrison workforce availability impacting ability to support maintenance requirements and funded tenant upgrade projects
- Army JROTC receives \$181.6 million in the Senate Defense Appropriations bill, an increase of \$5.5 million over the Budget request. Waiting to hear back on Harford County's application.
- Thank you to the Maryland Delegation for their support – particularly Congressman Ruppertsberger and Senator Van Hollen



State/Local Initiatives

- All Alliance Meeting, January 18th in Annapolis followed by Harford Night in Annapolis that evening
- HB 873 passed: Maryland tax credit for costs associated with security clearances
- HB 1507 passed: Bond bill to provide funding for establishment of the ARL Center for Agile Materials and Manufacturing Science – Thank you Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti
- Working with Dept of Commerce regarding study on factors impacting recruitment of recent military retirees to Maryland
- Supporting various initiatives to increase tax exemption of military retirement to support nationwide workforce recruiting efforts. Maryland has a lack of parity with other states in our region but we're seeing significant positive momentum especially with the Governor's supporting legislative announcement
- We're expecting to increase collaboration with APG, Harford County OED, and Senator Cassilly's office to coordinate a visit of state and other transportation organizations for holistic overview of APG and surrounding community transportation needs
- Coordination/collaboration on Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) implementation and recommendations – critical effort to prepare for mission growth and/or future BRAC

State/Local Initiatives cont.

- Proposed current Harford County legislation would provide a 20% residential property tax credit for retired military veterans 65 and older for homes with a maximum assessed value of \$400,000. If approved by the County Council, the tax credit would save an average of \$550 per year for eligible homeowners which was made possible through enabling legislation from Gov. Hogan in 2016.
- Edgewood Small Area Study –
 - Findings presented at a public meeting on Nov. 15
 - Funded by OEA, focus on revitalization efforts through private investment that offer diversified housing options to support millennial workforce, walkable/bike able communities, retail & commercial office enhancements, and potential hoteling for defense industry

Keynote Speaker

Please provide a warm
welcome to
Maj. Gen. Randy S. Taylor
Commanding General
Communications-Electronics Command
APG Senior Commander



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