



# **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 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

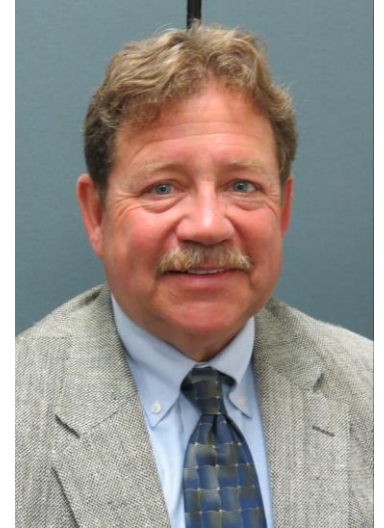
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welcome to  
**Maj. Gen. Randy S. Taylor**  
Commanding General  
Communications-Electronics Command  
APG Senior Commander



# APG Discovery Center

**Mr. Barney Michel**  
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