



Alliance to Host Community Event That Honors Our Military

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Woodbridge, Virginia

The Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance will honor Fort Belvoir at a community event at the Woodbridge Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, Woodbridge, VA. on November 15, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Alliance will also demonstrate the region's appreciation for America's service families while paying special tribute to Fort Belvoir during an Army Community Covenant Signing Ceremony as part of the celebration.

Army installations are encouraged to sign "Community Covenants" with their host communities pledging their commitment to partnership. The Alliance invited Fort Belvoir leaders and personnel to bring their families to a community celebration of our military, which will culminate with the formal signing of the Community Covenant. The signing ceremony will be on the grounds of the NVCC college, overlooking the campus lake.

The Army Community Covenant is a formal commitment of support by the state and local community to Soldiers and families of the Army-Active, Guard and Reserve. It is designed to develop and foster effective state and community partnerships with the Army. The Covenant is focused on improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer from state to state. The Community Covenant is tailored to the local level with leaders at both local and state levels participating in the Signing Ceremony, recognizing the strength of families and the support of the state and local community.

Chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, Corey Stewart, will welcome the military leaders and the military and civilian families who attend. Local and regional political, business and community leaders are expected to participate.

The Alliance has arranged a day of fun, food, entertainment, activities and networking. The day is intended to be a community celebration, and will feature local food vendors, games and activities for children, good food and beverage for the adults, military vehicles, demonstrations, and informational booths and displays. There will also be information available on job and business opportunities.

The Quantico / Belvoir Regional Business Alliance is a not-for-profit business organization whose mission is to position the region as a welcoming and supportive community to the military and their business partners in order to: facilitate positive outcomes from the Base Realignment And Closure program, both within and outside the MCB Quantico and Fort Belvoir; identify and take maximum advantage of available BRAC-related business opportunities; upgrade the workforce to meet identified needs; improve the flow of information amongst all interested parties; form partnerships with key individuals and organizations; build relationships in support of mutual interests.

The Alliance is also planning a BRAC business and workforce impact symposium for November 20th at the University of Mary Washington Stafford County Campus, from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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