

Campaign at a Glance

Ready, Strong and Connected

Strengthening the Fort Meade Community Through Resiliency, Education and Wellness



Introduction

The Fort Meade Alliance and the Fort Meade Alliance Foundation are creating the Resiliency and Education Center. Historic Kuhn Hall, centrally located on Fort Meade, will be renovated as the new Resiliency and Education Center to serve as a place to come together to find resources, services and programs to strengthen the Fort Meade community.

The Need For Community Support

Through sequestration and military cuts, Fort Meade and installations world-wide have had to deal with a decrease in capital and program funding. Service members, retirees, DoD civilians, as well as their families, need a place to find resources and connect with community organizations that want to help them.

What We Know

- At any given time, there are approximately 400 Army service members at Fort Meade transitioning out of the military. The military unemployment rate is 7.1 percent, nearly 2 percent higher than the national average.
- Fort Meade has a higher rate of chronic disease (cancer, arthritis, asthma, heart disease), behavioral health disorders (such as PTSD or anxiety) and substance abuse (alcohol, prescription medication and other drugs) than other U.S. Army installations.
- Fort Meade's Behavior Health Programs had more than 27,600 appointments in 2015 — an increase of 2,500 appointments from 2014.

“A ready and resilient military force is vital to the defense of our nation. We owe it to our service men and women to provide the best resources possible.”

– Col. Brian Foley, Former Fort Meade Garrison Commander

The Numbers

160,000 people eligible to use the Resiliency and Education Center and campus services

53,600 work on post

\$26.9 Billion Fort Meade's Annual Economic Impact on the State of Maryland

15,100 service and family members live on Ft. Meade

and growing ...

The Budget

Project Expenses	\$3,600,000
Raised to Date	\$600,000
Total Funds Needed	\$3,000,000

