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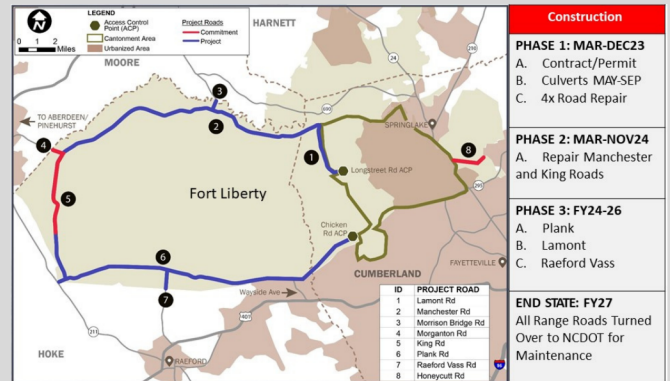
- New MAC Chair Nicole Winget
- Chamber Endorsement of E.E. Smith High School partnership with Fort Liberty
- Fort Liberty Updates Roads (shown below)

Upcoming MAC Events

- ▲ **SAVE THE DATE for the next MAC Event!**
Thursday, May 2 | 6 p.m.
- ▲ Stay tuned for dates for the Command Performance event, a Spouses in Military (SIM) event and more!

Community Events

- ▲ **All American Races** - March 23
Main Post Parade Field
- ▲ **Puppies & Pi(e)** - March 14
Throckmorton Library
- ▲ **Easter Brunch** - March 31
Iron Mike Conference Center



- One of the quality-of-life initiatives is improving the roads in and around Fort Liberty.
- 43% of Fort Liberty roads are in a failed condition, including 7 of the 14 arterial roads.
- There are 11 major intersections operating at failed or unsafe level of service.
- The community asked for improvements of the roads, and Fort Liberty Garrison Command is addressing those issues with a phased approach to road repairs that will take place over the next 5-years.
- These are much-needed improvements, and their priority is to improve travel conditions in and around our installation.
- Over the next 10 years, they are putting around \$20 million a year into the road network which they are doing through an inter-government support agreement with their partners at NCDOT.



Latest News

New Members

January - February 2024

- **Nicki Torres** - Movement Mortgage
- **Geron Shelton and Chris Doyle** - Fortuna BMC
- **Ryan Strickland** - 911 Restoration of Fayetteville



Meet the New MAC Chair Nicole Winget

Nicole M. Winget is the interim dean for Adult and Online Education at Campbell University. She is also an instructor in the Homeland Security and Criminal Justice programs at Campbell University. Since joining Campbell in the spring of 2015, she has been an active member of the Campbell family and serves in additional roles such as mock trial coach and fitness instructor. She is on the boards of the Fayetteville Military Affairs Council, the Council for Military and College Educators, and the National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services.

She graduated from Ohio Northern University College of Law in 2009 and practiced law in Ohio, focusing on Criminal Defense and Trial Advocacy. While a lawyer, Nicole also taught at Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University, and Rhodes State College. She is active as a mock trial coach, coaching both high school and college-level mock trial teams, and currently leads the Campbell University and Unity mock trial teams.

Nicole has been a member of the United States Navy for twenty years (and counting). She started as an Enlisted Information Technology Specialist and has completed tours in Kuwait and Afghanistan. She is now a Lieutenant Commander, assigned to NORTHCOM. Her awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal. She moved to Fayetteville in 2013 when military orders brought her to Fort Liberty and she made Fayetteville her home.

Outside of work, she is the VP of Communications for the Veterans Organization Operation Enduring Warrior, on the International Executive Board of Phi Alpha Delta and is an endurance event competitor.



Chamber Endorsement of the E.E. Smith High School Relocation



The Chamber has endorsed Fort Liberty's proposal to locate the new E.E. Smith High School on the former Stryker Golf Course, situated off Bragg Boulevard, outside of the post gates.

According to Garrison Commander Col. John Wilcox, Fort Liberty would provide a land-lease opportunity on the north side of Stryker Golf Course, which would meet all environmental conditions needed for the school. It is located on post grounds, although it is outside the fence area of the installation, and is easily accessible to students, faculty and parents.

Some points from the Chamber endorsement include:

- The proposal reflects a visionary approach that aligns with the community's needs and promises substantial benefits for education, the local economy and our partnership with the military.
- The proximity to major roads such as Bragg Boulevard and I-295, as well as Shaw Road, not only enhances accessibility to the new school but is a short drive from the existing high school.

- There would be no cost for the 70+ acre location due to the Fort Liberty partnership.
- The Stryker Golf Course location provides a vast expanse of land, allowing for the development of state-of-the-art facilities, spacious classrooms and recreational areas.
- This abundance of space not only accommodates the immediate needs of the school but also allows for future expansions and enhancements, ensuring a sustainable and adaptable educational environment. Not to mention the memorialization and preservation of Dr. Ezekiel Ezra Smith's vision and work in education reflected in this state-of-the-art facility.
- The economic implications of this proposal are also noteworthy. The establishment of a new high school at the Stryker Golf Course site would catalyze local economic growth, generating employment opportunities and fostering business development in the Business Park, along Bragg Boulevard and the surrounding areas. And the construction phase alone is poised to inject over \$100 million into the local economy, providing a much-needed economic stimulus, that is badly needed in that area.
- This partnership with Fort Liberty not only reflects the spirit of innovation and progress but also symbolizes a commitment to providing the best possible educational opportunities for the future generations of Cumberland County residents.