

WAMA

Washington Association of Military Attachés

WELCOME DAY 2019 (for WAMA and non-WAMA members)

Dear Colleagues,

The summer changeover period will end soon, so it is time again for the WAMA "Welcome Day Event!"

The Executive Committee invites all Attachés, their family members and personal guests to the 2019 Welcome Day on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.

While we want to welcome newcomers, Welcome Day is for everyone, whether you have just arrived or have been here for several years. If you are new to the Attaché Community, it is the perfect opportunity to get to know your colleagues. If you are an old hand, it is your chance to meet new colleagues and catch up with others who have been on summer vacation. Plan to join us and spend a relaxing day featuring fun, food, and friends! Take a stroll, play miniature golf or visit the Nature Center. Enjoy our BBQ. Most of all, increase friendships and camaraderie within the Washington Corps of Military Attachés.

In case your tour in Washington D.C. is soon coming to an end, please hand this invitation to your successor.

The Dean of WAMA, M Major General Mahmoud Hassanin, and the WAMA Executive Committee are looking forward to seeing you on **Saturday, September 7, 2019** – we hope that you and your family will be able to participate.

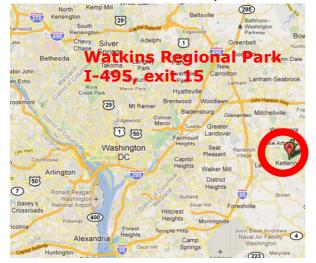
For the WAMA Executive Committee

Hans Perko, Lieutenant Colonel (GS) Coordinator

Enclosures: Administrative Information Reply Form

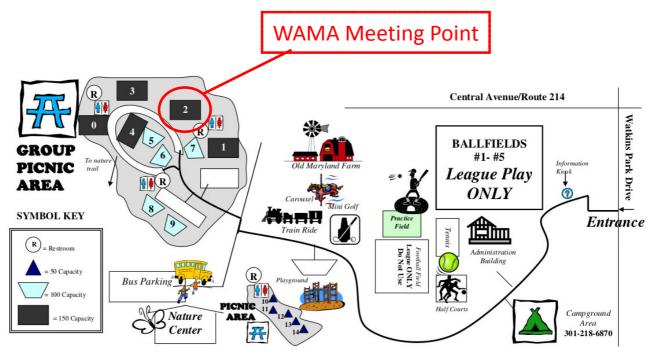
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- Schedule: 10:00 a.m.: Meeting Point picnic lot #2, Watkins Regional Park 10:15 a.m.: Start of the walking tour 12:30 p.m.: Barbeque opens at picnic lot #2 02:30 p.m.: Official End The route: The walk for everyone will after roughly 45 minutes bring us to the park's center facilities: miniature golf, antique carousel, Old Maryland Farm, miniature train and nature center. Attire/Equipment: Comfortable clothing; hiking shoes or sneakers; be prepared for weather changes and extremes, sun protection is advised; optionally a small backpack would be helpful to store drinks which will be delivered at the meeting point. The walk is suitable for strollers. Parking: Available at picnic lot #2, Watkins Regional Park (main entrance: Keverton Drive & Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774) How to find your way: Please make sure to have the attached sketch with you when entering the park. Follow the signs to picnic lot #2 - there will be no further sign posting.
- Cost: See enclosed Reply Form. WAMA members and their families are subsidized from WAMA funds. Please note that we must insist on payment upon registration.
- RSVP: No later than Wednesday, August 30th, 2019 by using the enclosed reply form.
- POC: LTC (GS) Hans PERKO; Phone (202) 298 4301; mil-2-1@wash.diplo.de
- Cancellation: In the case of forecast bad (extreme) weather the WAMA Committee will inform you of cancelation by e-mail the day before. In this case you will receive a refund - otherwise there is no refund. Please make sure that your POC in the reply form is readable and clear.



Watkins Regional Park lies east of the Beltway. Take exit 15 of the Beltway. Then take route 214 East (Central Ave). Turn right onto route 193 South (Watkins Park Dr). At the corner of Keverton Dr, turn right into the park. Then follow the park signs to picnic lot number 2.

<u>Address:</u> Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 Picnic Lot #2



Facilities in the park:

Nature Center: exhibits of animals and plants (free), open 8:30am to 5pm Miniature Golf, 18 holes (\$4.75 per person) Miniature Train (\$2.00 per person) Antique Chesapeake Carousel (\$2.00 per person) Old Maryland Farm: open from 9am to 4:30pm visit to see farm and animals is free Playground at center of park, small one right next to picnic lot #4



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REPLY FORM

In order to be able to order food and refreshments, we would be most grateful if you would complete and return the **reply form** and **the check**, no later than August 30, 2019 to:

| <i>Embassy of the Federal Rep Office of the Military Attach Attn: 1SG Ingo Schulz 4645 Reservoir Road, N.W. Washington, DC 20007</i> | | | | | |
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| Costs: | WAMA - Members and their families: | Childre | n(7 – 15 | rs and up) years) s and under | \$ 15,- |
| | Non-WAMA Members: | Childre | n(7 – 15 | rs and up) years) s and under | \$ 25,- |
| Name and Rank of the Attaché: (in capital letters) | | | | | |
| Nation: (in capital letters) | | | | | |
| Accreditation after May 31, 2018: | yes | no | | | |
| My tour as an Attaché will end before October 1, 2018, and I wish to receive my WAMA plaque at the Welcome Day: | yes | no | | | |
| E-Mail address: | | | | | |
| Number of attendees: | WAMA-Members and their families: | | Children | (16 years (7 – 15 ye (6 years a | ars) |
| | Non-WAMA-Members: | | Children | (16 years (7 – 15 ye (6 years a | ars) |

My check (payable to WAMA) for _____ attendees is enclosed.

By signing below, I agree to take full responsibility during the event for the safety of my family, personal guests and myself. I acknowledge that either WAMA or the Executive Committee will be held liable or responsible for any damages or injuries resulting from misadventure, accident or incident as a result of participation in the WAMA Welcome Day.

(Attaché Signature)