

## Benning information fair big hit with Knox personnel

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Soldiers, spouses, and post employees exited the Information Fair at the Fort Knox Leaders Club April 29 weighed down with colorful bags full of information about the Georgia and Alabama communities surrounding Fort Benning.

The fair, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., was held in conjunction with a series of town hall meetings that provided information and answered questions pertaining to Armor Center and School military and civilian personnel relocating to the Benning area.

Linda Brady, a native of the Fort Knox area who's now the director and regional relocation concierge for the Columbus, Ga., Chamber of Commerce, greeted guests and welcomed them to the information fair.

Vendors from the two-state area filled the Tankers Lounge, the Candelight Room, and the Regimental Room of the club. They represented real estate companies, homebuilders, public and private schools, colleges, churches, health care facilities,

and area chambers of commerce. Knox visitors could also gain information about employment and Fort Benning personnel were also on hand.

Christina Daily, Fort Benning's Relocation Readiness Program manager, handed out "Keys to Fort Benning," to Soldiers and Family members planning to move to the installation. The "keys" were small reference cards on a key ring that contained phone numbers and Web sites to various Fort Benning organizations, including the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service, Child and Youth Services, and housing. The key ring also contained a thumb drive, which held a copy of the Benning digital welcome packet.

"These are your tools for a successful PCS to Fort Benning," explained Daily.

Isaac Williams with the Georgia Department of Labor fielded questions about jobs available for spouses and Family members, and how to stay informed about newly-created jobs.

"I'm here enlightening them and getting them information on the local labor market," said Williams as he offered up a table full of hand-outs and information.

The consensus of those leaving the fair was that there were a lot of vendors on hand, and they found the information extremely helpful. Their questions had been answered, they said, and many added that they felt better about the impending move.