



UPDATE



Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan

September 2011

BRAC - September 15, 2011

[Support the Troops on Sept. 8th in Columbus, GA](#)

RGMP

The Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) is a major planning effort designed to assess the challenges and opportunities facing communities impacted by the Fort Benning BRAC growth and to find solutions that address these issues. The RGMP study produced a plan for the region and for each of the 10-counties within a 35 mile radius of Ft. Benning, as listed below. For more information, go to the [RGMP website](#).

RGMP Counties

ALABAMA

Barbour
Lee
Russell

GEORGIA

Columbus -Muscogee
Cusseta - Chattahoochee
Harris
Marion
Stewart
Talbot
Taylor

MCoE



The Code of Support Foundation event is scheduled for September 8, 2011 in two Columbus locations

Patriots & Heroes Pacific-to-Potomac Relay

The Code of Support Foundation kicks off its "Campaign 99" with a nine-day cross-country motorcycle relay, the "Patriots & Heroes Pacific-to-Potomac Relay," accumulating pledges from thousands of Americans who want to put meaning into the phrase, "Support Our Troops."

The relay by the Patriot Guard Riders rolls from Oceanside, Calif., near Camp Pendleton, to the Pentagon where the signed pledges to the Code of Support will be delivered personally to Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Sunday, Sept. 11, the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States.

The relay will run through California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, stopping for pledge events in communities and near military installations along the way.

On the West Coast, the event will start with a skydiving team from the United States Parachute Association (USPA) dropping in to Oceanside and handing off the special scroll to the motorcyclists.

A highlight on the East Coast will be a special presentation of the Code at the **Nascar Sprint Cup** race on the evening of Sept. 10th at the Richmond International Raceway, Richmond, Virginia before an expected crowd of more than 100,000.

For additional information about the Code of Support event, please send an email to chamber@codeofsupport.org. If you would like to learn more about the U.S. Chamber's Hiring our Heroes program, please visit their website at <http://codeofsupport.org> www.uschamber.com/veterans

Community Update



Each month, Fort Benning hosts a Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) Update that provides BRAC and other general information to both on-post personnel and to the region's communities. These Updates are open to the public and are held the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm, at the [National Infantry Museum](#).

[MCoE Community Update](#)



If you would like to be involved, please be present at one of the locations listed below:
In Columbus Sept 8th at:

- 1) Wal-Mart on Whittlesey Blvd
- 2) National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center on Legacy Way: (the COS van of volunteers and the Patriot Riders (American Legion and VFW motorcyclists) will be at this relay venue at 3:30 pm EDT for 30-40 minutes)

→ BRAC Countdown



As of September 1, 2011, there are 14 days remaining until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

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