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COMMUNITY NOTICE: Fort Benning heavy weapons firing to cease Dec. 20 to Jan. 12.

FORT BENNING, Ga. - No heavy weapons firing is scheduled here from Dec. 15-16 and Dec. 20 to Jan.12, to allow Soldiers and their Families a restful break from training and to avoid military sounds that can disrupt community holiday activities.

The holiday cease fire will be interrupted however, by heavy weapons training in the northeast quarter of the reservation today through Dec. 13 and Dec. 16-19, as the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team conducts required M1A1 Abrams Tank training activities. The Armor School will resume required M1A1 Abrams Tank training activities Jan. 13. Community members may notice more sounds during this timeframe.

The Maneuver Center fires 42.2 million rounds each year, more ammunition than all other installations.. All of this firing is necessary to train the greatest fighting force in the world. Every day, tens of thousands of Soldiers are deployed to combat environments, and the training they receive at the Maneuver Center ensures they are equipped with the skills necessary to achieve victory against our Nation's enemies.

In the days ahead, Fort Benning will continue to abide by the laws that govern our activities while maintaining our strong relationships with our community partners. Our challenge is to balance our Soldiers' training requirements with the needs of the community.

The upcoming firing schedule is listed below. We continue to review our schedules to determine where we can best reduce the stress on our community. Please note training times may be subject to change.

DATE	WEAPONS	TIME	RANGE	WHO	PURPOSE
11 DEC 13	120MM,	0900-2400	CARMOUCHE	L 2-16	POI
	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-2400	HASTINGS	I 2-16	POI
	C-4	0900-1700	TERRY DEMO	A 2-11	POI
	.50 CAL	0900-2400	WARE	D USMC	POI
	.50 CAL	0900-1900	RUTH	SNIPER	POI
12 DEC 13	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-2400	CARMOUCHE	L 2-16	POI
	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-2400	HASTINGS	I 2-16	POI
	C-4 DEMO	0900-1700	TERRY DEMO	D 5-15	POI
	.50 CAL	0900-2400	WARE	D USMC	POI
13 DEC 13	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-1600	CARMOUCHE	L 2-16	POI
	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-1600	HASTINGS	I 2-16	POI

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14-15 DEC 13	NONE	-----	-----	-----	-----
16 DEC 13	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-2400	CARMOUCHE	L 2-16	POI
	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-2400	HASTINGS	I 2-16	POI
17 DEC 13	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-2400	CARMOUCHE	L 2-16	POI
	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-2400	HASTINGS	I 2-16	POI
18 DEC 13	120MM,	0900-2400	CARMOUCHE	L 2-16	POI
	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-2400	HASTINGS	I 2-16	POI
19 DEC 13	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-1600	CARMOUCHE	L 2-16	POI
	120MM, .50 CAL	0900-1600	HASTINGS	I 2-16	POI
20-24 DEC 13	NONE	-----	-----	-----	-----
25-31 DEC 13	NONE	-----	-----	-----	-----
01-07 JAN 14	NONE	-----	-----	-----	-----
08-12 JAN 14	NONE	-----	-----	-----	-----
13 JAN 14	120MM, .50 CAL	1000-1800	WARE	B 1-81	POI
	.50 CAL	0900-2300	CARMOUCHE	F 5-15	POI
14 JAN 14	120MM, .50 CAL	1000-1800	WARE	B 1-81	POI
	.50 CAL	0900-2300	CARMOUCHE	F 5-15	POI
	.50 CAL	0900-2400	RUTH	1-29	POI

Weapons legend:

120MM- M1A1 Abrams Tank gun

25MM- Bradley Fighting Vehicle gun

MK- 19- Grenade Launcher

50 CAL- Machine Gun

DEMO- Emergency Ordnance Disposal (EOD) explosions

7.62MM- Rifle

81MM- Mortar

155MM/105MM- Field Artillery Howitzer

M240- Machine gun

M240/M249- Machine gun

MICLIC- Mine Clearing Line Charge

Mines- Land Mines

C-4- Plastic explosives

POI- Program of Instruction Training

ANN-Annual Training

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