



# The News

## THE FORT DETRICK ALLIANCE **LOVES** ITS MEMBERS!

The Fort Detrick Alliance is a thriving membership driven organization focused on connecting the agencies at Fort Detrick with community businesses. If you're a current member we would love for you to join us on June 13 for our Member Appreciation Mix & Mingle at Steinhardt Brewing. If you're not a member, please reach out to Christy Butler, [christy.butler@fortdetrickalliance.org](mailto:christy.butler@fortdetrickalliance.org), for more information on how you can attend this event.

The Alliance cannot express how thankful we are for all of our members that support our mission. It is YOU that makes the Alliance successful and we are here for you. We have a lot of great events scheduled for our 20th year! If you have an idea for an event, please reach out as we are always looking for new and innovative ways to bring our members together.

## Newsletter Highlights

Member Appreciation Mix & Mingle

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Member Spotlight: Mount St. Mary's University

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Maryland Defense Forum-June 5 & 6

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Business Before Hours - PVI Furniture Plus+ June 7

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Member and Partner News

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A Message From the Executive Director



Life rarely follows a straight path, and the educational journey is often complicated for many people. But the key is that it continues. The Division of Continuing Studies at Mount St. Mary's University consists of the Center for Accelerated and Adult Education, Graduate School, and Center for Lifelong Learning. Our division operates from the Mount St. Mary's University Frederick campus and online. Located only minutes from I-270 and I-70, this campus is a convenient meeting place for students living or working in Frederick as well as the neighboring cities of Baltimore and Washington.

Our accelerated/adult undergraduate and graduate programs are designed for working adults. We know adult learners are also responsible for family, work, and unavoidable life events. We provide the flexibility and support needed to help adult students reach their academic goals. One-on-one advising and a customized degree plan are available and encouraged for all students.

The Fort Detrick Alliance participates in the Mount St. Mary's University Partnership Program which means that members of the Fort Detrick Alliance are eligible for a 20% tuition discount for any accelerated/adult undergraduate, graduate, or graduate certificate programs. Members may also rent meeting space at the Mount's Frederick campus for a reduced rate. The Mount is proud to support those in service to our country. The Division of Continuing Studies is now honoring the tuition assistance benefit for active-duty military students, reducing the tuition costs to \$250 per credit hour for eligible students.

The Mount also offers non-degree certifications, training programs, and personal growth courses through our Center for Lifelong Learning. We offer opportunities for students to earn technology certifications such as Appian, AWS, PEGA, and Salesforce. We also offer programs in professional development, college preparation, mindfulness, and more. We do this as we do all things at the Mount: with compassion, kindness, and a zeal for learning.

To learn more, submit a request online or contact Valerie Pearson, Associate Director of Recruitment at the Mount by emailing [frederickadmissions@msmary.edu](mailto:frederickadmissions@msmary.edu).

Join the Fort Detrick Alliance June 7, 2023 8:00-9:30 am  
Business Before Hours networking at PVI Furniture Plus+



Registration required  
[www.fortdetrickalliance.org](http://www.fortdetrickalliance.org)

Join us on June 7, 2023 at PVI Furniture Plus+ for our Business Before Hours networking event.

Tour the spacious warehouse and showroom floor of PVI while networking and enjoying light breakfast fare.

Registration is required. No charge for members/\$10 non-members. Register [HERE](#).



ANNAPOLIS, MD | JUNE 5-6, 2023

The 2023 Maryland Defense Forum will be a unique professional development opportunity for leaders from installations, defense communities and defense-related industries across the Old Line State. It will be a unique opportunity for military community representatives to meet with their on-base counterparts and state and federal officials to focus on resiliency, mutual support and coordination on key issues and mission assurance.

**WHO ATTENDS?**

- Stakeholders from across Maryland and the greater Mid-Atlantic region
- Community leaders committed to supporting installation missions, service members, military families and veterans
- Military installation leaders from Maryland bases
- Federal and state government collaborators

**KEY TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Defense budget issues at the state level
- Emerging military legislative themes in Maryland
- Best practices for military-civilian support organizations
- Maryland military infrastructure challenges
- Federal grant opportunities
- Identifying greatest needs
- Community-installation partnership case studies

The Fort Detrick Alliance is a proud sponsor of the ADC Defense Forum in Annapolis, MD on June 5-6. The 2023 Maryland Defense Forum will be a unique professional development opportunity for leaders from installations, defense communities and defense-related industries across the Old Line State.

It will be a unique opportunity for military community representatives to meet with their on-base counterparts and state and federal officials to focus on resiliency, mutual support and coordination on key issues and mission assurance.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3NXiJvF>  
Members: We have a discount code.

If you are interested in hosting or sponsoring an upcoming event, contact Christy Butler, 301-788-9896 or [christy.butler@fortdetrickalliance.org](mailto:christy.butler@fortdetrickalliance.org).

SCAN TO REGISTER



MAY 17, 2023  
8:00 AM  
HYBRID EVENT AT THE ATRF

**BIOTECH CONNECTOR**

**Shedding Light on Human Maladies: An Overview of Imaging Techniques and Their Applications in Medical and Cancer Research**

**FREDERICK NATIONAL LABORATORY**  
SPEAKER: Tommy Turbyville, PhD  
RAS Initiative Imaging Team Lead  
Cancer Research Technology Program

**LEICA MICROSYSTEMS, INC.**  
SPEAKER: Anastasiia Aleksandrova, PhD  
Advanced Workflow Specialist-Confocal  
Mid-Atlantic US

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**  
SPEAKER: Emilia Entcheva, PhD  
Professor of Biomedical Engineering  
Director of the Cardiac Optogenetics and  
Optical Imaging Laboratory

Join in person or online for the second Biotech Connector of 2023. The scientific event invites experts across disciplines and backgrounds for an inside look at local advances in innovative technologies in biological sciences to improve human health. This is free to attend. We just ask attendees register for the event.

*The techfrederick Open*  
DRIVING INNOVATION ON THE GREEN  
P.B. DYE GOLF CLUB  
JUNE 9, 2023



techfrederick

Join techfrederick on Friday, June 9 for their inaugural golf tournament.

Sponsor opportunities are available or register a foursome!

Visit [www.techfrederick.org](http://www.techfrederick.org) for more information.



Hood College has announced a new partnership with ScienceWerx! “[Hood can] now help students understand the process by which a new discovery in the lab becomes a viable product, enabling our students to help scientists move their products through the commercialization pipeline.”

Learn more about this new partnership [hood.ws/sciencewerx](http://hood.ws/sciencewerx).

Got news you'd like to share? Contact Christy Butler to have your upcoming events in the next newsletter!

## A Message from the Executive Director



Can you believe we are just about halfway through 2023 already? Wow! From launching our new events, Business Before and Business After Hours, to celebrating our 20th anniversary the Alliance has been busy. As we head into FY24, we are so excited about what the future holds for the Alliance. With a new strategic plan in place, amended by-laws to reflect the changing times and new partnerships the Alliance is in the best position it's ever been in to best serve our membership.

While there have been a lot of changes and updates, we look forward to carrying on many of the traditions of the Alliance.

We continue to hold our networking breakfasts and welcome you to reach out if you have an idea for a presenter or a topic. Together we ensure the success of the Fort Detrick Alliance!

*Christy Butler*