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# IMCOM CG, CSM recognize achievements during visit

# MilTax offers free tax help to service members



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Fort Leavenworth Garrison Commander Col. Duane Mosier, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Erika Rhine-Russell and members of the Religious Service Organization listen to Installation Managment Command Commanding General Lt. Gen. Omar Jones address audience members' questions during the IMCOM Town Hall Meeting March 19 at the Frontier Conference Center. Jones and IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Copeland visited several offices during their visit to post March 19-20 and recognized employees for their achievements.

by Staff Report

Installation Management Command Commanding General Lt. Gen. Omar Jones and IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Copeland visited Fort Leavenworth March 19-20 to thank the IMCOM workforce for their service and support, and to recognize their contributions to improve the readiness, resilience, and quality of life for soldiers and their families.



by Dani Lander/Special to the Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Military OneSource offers free tax services to eligible service members and their families via the MilTax program.

Karen Sorenson, Kansas Military OneSource State consultant, said the program allows service members to file up to three state tax returns and one federal return for free.

To access MilTax, service members must verify their DEERS eligibility by providing their Department of Defense identification or Social Security number, birth date, and full name. Once eligibility is confirmed, they can use the self-directed software to work through their tax returns at their own pace and on their own time.

To help with the process, yearround financial and tax counselors are available to assist service members with any questions or concerns. Service members can talk to them over the phone immediately or schedule a call for convenience.

MilTax is open now through the middle of October, and service members can apply for extensions before Tax Day, if needed.

The program also offers the flexibility to use the services once service members return home from deployments or other assignments.

The free tax preparation service offered through MilTax enables eligible service members and their families to save money while ensuring their taxes are filed accurately and on time.

For more information, visit https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financiallegal/taxes/miltax-military-tax-ser vices.



The IMCOM leadership team conducted a town hall meeting March 19 to engage with the IMCOM workforce. Jones answered several questions, thanked the employees for

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LHS senior Rayna Klutse named Fort Leavenworth Military Youth of Year by Prudence Siebert/Editor



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Fort Leavenworth Military Youth of the Year Rayna Klutse delivers the speech she prepared for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Military Youth of the Year Competition to an assembly of peers, family, youth center staff, club leaders and church members March 18 at Harrold Youth Center.

Fort Leavenworth's 2024 Military Youth of the Year Rayna Klutse, senior at Leavenworth High School, was honored with send-off ceremony a March 18 at Harrold Youth Center before her departure for Topeka, Kan., to represent Fort Leavenworth in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Military Youth of the Year Competition the next day.

Klutse shared her Youth of the Year speech with family, friends, youth, staff, coaches, church members and others gathered in the gymnasium for her ceremony.

"Just the resumé of things that Rayna has done — unbelievable," Garrison Commander Col. Duane Mosier said. "So right here, an amazing human being

you are," he told Klutse as she joined him in front of the crowd. "Go forth and do great things; we know you will."

After delivering her speech, Klutse was presented with a gift bag.

"This might come in handy for you in the future," said Carole Hoffman, Child and Youth Services coordinator, upon helping Klutse open the gift bag to reveal a laptop computer.

Despite arriving at Fort Leavenworth around the time the pandemic ground the world to a halt, Klutse has been immersed in activities and her community since arriving as an eighthgrader — in part because she became involved at Harrold Youth Center.

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# SCA intern gains experience with **NATURAL RESOURCES**

by Fort Leavenworth Natural **Resources Division** 

Last summer, Sean Lang, a Student Conservation Association (SCA) intern, was employed by Fort Leavenworth Natural Resources. The Natural Resources Branch staff was thankful for the much-needed assistance in the plethora of tasks they are responsible for, and Lang was glad to have such an in-depth learning opportunity while still in college. As briefly mentioned in the Fort Leavenworth Lamp article from September 2023, the branch staff found the experience with SCA to be so positive that they decided to bring on another SCA intern.

The current intern, Henry Knudsvig, is a recent high school graduate from Arizona. Knudsvig began his internship in October 2023 and is on a 52-week appointment. Like Lang, Knudsvig receives a living allowance that pays for food and housing. If Knudsvig completes his 52 weeks of service, he will receive about \$6,500 to be applied toward future educational or vocational training expenses or qualified student loans.

Knudsvig entered service poised to "pick up the baton" where Lang had left off. In the fall, under the guidance of Fort's Natural Resources Specialist Neil Bass, Knudsvig began conducting surveys on small mammals, amphibians and fish using various types of traps. He also began learning the ropes of trail maintenance and invasive plant control. This involved clearing fallen trees from trails and cutting and spraying herbicide on unwanted weeds.

One of Knudsvig's favorite work experiences was attending the History and Horses event sponsored by the Fort Leavenworth Stables and the Frontier Army

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cial pollinators with shrinking populations, which could also be jeopardizing reproduction of many plant species and negatively impacting worldwide food production.

As fall wore on and the weather got colder, the Natural Resources Branch began a game camera survey to estimate the deer population on the post. Game cameras are being placed, incrementally, in 22 different 160-acre habitat areas for 10 days, and then the photos are analyzed. Many quality pictures of deer and other wildlife have been captured. One of the most exciting observations was that of a southern flying squirrel on a tree trunk; it was one of the first photographs ever of this species on the fort and the first visually verifiable evidence in more than 20 years.

Knudsvig has also assisted members of Scouts BSA and Girl Scouts to achieve their Eagle Scout and Gold Awards, by helping with supplies and preparations for their projects. The Scouts BSA Eagle Scout project had Knudsvig acquiring and stationing lumber for a long-awaited system of trail markers directing outdoor enthusiasts to the state champion pecan tree on the floodplain. The Girl Scout's Gold Award project was helped when Knudsvig mowed and killed fescue grass on two small plots on either side of Hancock Avenue. The two plots are now being used as native prairie grass and wildflower plantings to serve as pollinator sanctuaries.

As winter turns into spring, Knudsvig said he is looking forward to continuing his work with pollinators, specifically monarch tions of milkweed plants on post, and while doing this, he will also observe and record monarch caterpillar presence and growth. This information will be submitted to one or several citizen science projects involving monarchs such as Monarch Watch or Journey North.

Also this spring, Knudsvig will be locating and removing more invasive species from the post. This is in compliance with Executive Order 13112 for control of invasive species. Some of the invasive plants to be controlled are bush honeysuckle, sericea lespedeza, Japanese hops and cut-leaf teasel. Working alongside students from Fort Hays State University, he aims to put a good dent on nuisance species that many residents have gotten all too familiar with. This project is going to take several months and will be the longest single project that Knudsvig works on, and it will allow him to work at several different locations throughout the fort.

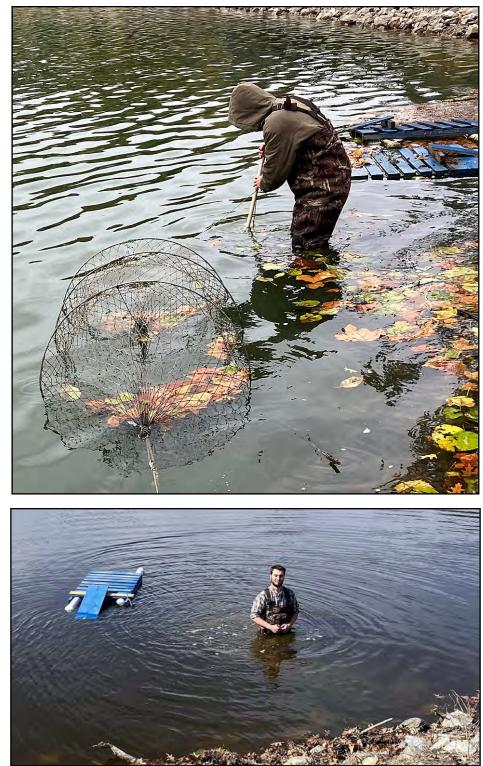
What Knudsvig said he appreciates most about his position, though, is looking forward to a new challenge every day and the people he's been able to work with. Knudsvig's work and assistance has allowed the Natural Resources Branch staff to accomplish many projects that would not have been done otherwise.

The Directorate of Public Works currently has two SCA interns and hopes to fill two more slots when those expire in September or October 2024. Anyone interested in an SCA internship, who has an interest in natural or cultural history and who is willing to live on subsistence wages, contact the Fort Leavenworth Natu-



Photos by Neil Bass/Natural Resources Division

ABOVE: Student Conservation Association intern Henry Knudsvig releases a black crappie while conducting a survey in Smith Lake, and BELOW: checks survey traps.



Museum. He enjoyed interacting with the horsebackriding and outdoororiented segment of Fort Leavenworth. He also enjoyed being able to educate both newcomers and longtime residents and their families on the vast network of trails and other outdoor recreation the fort offers.

Yet another fond memory of this season was planting native plants and building habitat for threatened wildlife, specifically, planting milkweed plants at various sites for monarch butterflies. Other pollinators were benefited when Knudsvig built pollinator houses made from bamboo that will be installed this spring.

"I'm happy to be doing something for the little guys," Knudsvig said, with both monarchs and bees providing outsized ecosystem services. Both are cruing and recording the loca-

butterflies. He will be locat- ral Resources Branch at 913-684-8979.



ABOVE: Knudsvig places a turtle basking platform in Merritt Lake earlier this month.

LEFT: Knudsvig girdles a tree to kill it by interrupting the flow of nutrients from the leaves to the roots. When it leafs out, the tree obscures a red light on an adjacent pole that alert pilots landing and taking off of the bluff, thus the tree was killed for airfield safety compliance.

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# Children's Pioneer Day part of Spring Break programming at museum



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Eleven-year-old Mae Douglas, fifth-grader at Bradley Elementary School, colors a paper quilt block to add to a quilt made with fellow Children's Pioneer Day participants' artwork March 15 at the Frontier Army Museum. The museum offered Spring Break programs each day of the week, including Touch a Fire Truck March 11, Children's Hour with author Marla Matkin March 12, animals from Smiling M Farm March 13 and "Pi Day" story time March 14.





With a fabric quilt draped across the table for inspiration, 4-yearold Colleen Layer colors a paper quilt block during Children's Pioneer Day March 15 at the Frontier Army Museum. Other Children's Pioneer Day activity stations included butter churning, pioneer games and toys, textiles and fur used in pioneer clothing, and log cabin building using construction toys.



ABOVE: After learning how to spin a top, 6-year-old Lorelei Douglas, kindergartner at Bradley Elementary School, contemplates how a Jacob's Ladder toy works with Friends of the Frontier Army Museum Treasurer Bill Smith during Children's Pioneer Day, part of Spring Break programming, March 15 at the Frontier Army Museum.

LEFT: Mom Mandy Pell, with 1-year-old Zachary, watches 6-year-old Levi and 3-year-old Daniel destroy their log cabin creation with a "tornado" during Children's Pioneer Day March 15 at the Frontier Army Museum.



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Basic Rider Course instructor Dan Matt explains the next drill to course participants Staff Sgt. Douglas O'Reilly, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks; Capt. Tara Jones, Command and General Staff Officer Course student; Special Troops Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Kristin Barrett; and Capt. Andy Kilcer, CGSOC student, during the first day of the two-day course Aug. 9, 2021, on the Motorcycle Safety Course Riding Range in the parking lot across from the Old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks.

## Motorcyle safety courses begin next week

by Fort Leavenworth Garrison Safety Office

Motorcycle safety riding courses begin next week and continue through early fall.

Basic Rider Course and Advanced Rider Course participants need to be registered at least one week before the course date. A minimum number of participants are needed for each class or it will be cancelled.

#### Enrollment

To enroll in the U.S. Army Installation Management Command Traffic Safety Training Program Courses, consult with your supervisor and unit motorcycle mentor for permissions and eligibility criteria. Ensure you have your commander/director authorization to attend the course before you enroll.

Go to CAC-enabled website https://imc.army.mil/airs/usg\_disclaimer.aspx and click on "I ACCEPT." Select "West" under the "Region" tab, "Fort Leavenworth under the "Garrison" tab, and choose the course that you want to enroll in, either the Basic Rider Course or the Advanced Rider Course.

Click on the calendar icon to select dates and courses. Grayed out courses are past; courses in red are filled; courses in blue are available. Click the desired date of course to enroll and follow the instruction. Read "Course Detail" for qualification/requirements, date and time of the course. The Motorcycle Safety Course Classroom is at 1000 Chief Joseph Loop at Sherman Army Airfield. All students report to the SAAF building at 7:15 a.m. for processing on the scheduled start day. Use the side entrance marked Motorcycle Safety Course.

Classes begin at 8 a.m. The hands-on motorcycle riding portion of each course is conducted at the Bluntville Avenue Motorcycle Safety Course Riding Range at 801 Bluntville Ave. in the large parking lot.

#### **Basic Rider Course**

All service member motorcycle riders must complete the Basic Rider Course before operating a motorcycle. Consult with your unit mentor for requirements. BRC is a two-day course taken on a range motorcycle provided by the program. A minimum of five students must be registered within seven days of the start date or the class will be canceled. Department of Defense employees assigned to Fort Leavenworth can attend the course on a space-available basis.

The Basic Rider Course is offered March 25-26, April 16-17, April 22-23, May 7-8, May 20-21, June 3-4, June 24-25, July 8-9, July 22-23, Aug. 5-6, Aug. 19-20, Sept. 9-10 and Sept. 23-24.

## Advanced Rider Course

(Replaces Experienced Rider Course



Once registration is complete, click "Save."

Basic Rider Course students must complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic eCourse at https://msfusa.link/ 292428 prior to receiving a MSF card.

Attend the course you registered for or cancel it within seven days of the scheduled course start if necessary. No-shows are reported to their unit chain of command.

Walk-on students will be admitted at 8 a.m. on the day of training in the event that there are no-shows. The priority is to fill all training seat vacancies.

### **Course info**

Show up prepared to train. Boots over ankle, long-sleeve shirt, full-length pants with no holes, gloves and helmet are required. Bring your own water. and Basic Rider Course II)

All military motorcycle riders must complete advanced motorcycle training based on the type of motorcycle owned and operated. This training will be completed by the service member on the service member's motorcycle and needs to be repeated every five years to maintain valid credentials. Consult with your unit mentor for requirements. A minimum of five students must be registered within seven days of the start date or the class will be canceled. DoD employees assigned to Fort Leavenworth can attend the course on a space-available basis.

The Advanced Rider Course is offered March 27, April 24, May 9, May 22, June 10, June 11, July 10, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 16, Sept. 17 and Sept. 30.

For more information, call the Fort Leavenworth Garrison Safety Office at 913-684-1741.

Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Basic Rider Course co-instructors Kathy Matt and Dan Matt instruct and assist course participants Special Troops Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Kristin Barrett and Capt. Tara Jones, Command and General Staff Officer Course student, as they navigate a start-stop drill course during the first day of the two-day course Aug. 9, 2021, on the Motorcycle Safety Course Riding Range in the parking lot across from the Old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks.

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# Fort LV co-ed team takes 3rd in category at Bataan Memorial Death March



The Fort Leavenworth 2024 Chaos Team — comprised of Pvt. Rowley Beck, Army Corrections Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Tyler Henderson, Religious Service Organization; Sgt. Steven Casselman, ACB; Pfc. Nathan Payn, ACB; and Pfc. Grace Burke, ACB - placed third in the Military Co-Ed Heavy Team category of the Bataan Memorial Death March on March 16 at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Team members marched 26.2 miles carrying 35-pound rucks.



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Munson Army Health Center team members Pfc. John Lingo, pharmacy technician; Capt. Jacob VanBemmel, pharmacy chief; Col. Shane Mendenhall, MAHC commander; Sgt. Maj. Jason Trevino MAHC senior enlisted leader; and Devantre Blackmon, pharmacy technician cut a ribbon during a ceremony commemorating the addition of a ScriptCenter at the health center's east entrance March 18 at MAHC. The automated pharmacy kiosk and locker system is a safe, secure and controlled way to pick up prescription refills from MAHC.

# MAHC expands medication refill methods

by Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

Munson Army Health Center formally activated a ScriptCenter prescription distribution kiosk at MAHC's east entrance during a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 18 at the health center.

"The ScriptCenter provides our patients a convenient prescription refill pickup option. This convenience translates into less congestion in the pharmacy and reduced wait times," said Col.

Shane Mendenhall, MAHC commander.

Patients can currently access the Script-Center weekdays from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., but, Mendenhall said that the health center's pharmacy and facilities staff are working out plans that will allow patients to access ScriptCenter 24/7.

"This will improve access, allowing patients to pick up their refills when it is convenient for them," Mendenhall said. Patients picking up new prescriptions will still need to visit the pharmacy. first time in to order to discuss any concerns or questions a patient may have."

Patients can select ScriptCenter when they activate refills, either by calling the number on their prescription label or online through the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal by selecting the "Rx Refills" tab in the upper right panel on the portal's homepage.

Patients can retrieve their refill from the ScriptCenter with their military ID or by

<sup>66</sup>This will IMPROVE ACCESS, allowing patients to pick up their refills when it is CONVENIENT for them.<sup>22</sup>

— MAHC Commander Col. Shane Mendenhall

fingerprint after a one-time account activation. Refills will be available in the ScriptCenter two business days after a refill is activated for ScriptCenter pickup and will remain available in the system for 10 days. If the medication is not picked up, it will be returned to



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2 Select "Munson ScriptCenter" as your pickup location.

the MHS Patient Portal.

3 Pick up refills after 2 business days.

"At this time, we are opening the Script-Center for refill prescriptions only," said Capt. Jacob VanBemmel, pharmacist and officer in charge of MAHC's Department of Pharmacy. "We still need to meet face to face when issuing a new prescription for the the pharmacy. Refrigerated prescriptions and controlled sub-

stances, which account for only a small portion of refills, will continue to be dispensed from MAHC's pharmacy.

"We are very excited to provide this new capability to our patients," Mendenhall said.

First time Enrollment: Select 'Pick Up' Scan Military ID | Enter PIN

If the barcode on your Military ID does not contain your DoD ID, you will need to provide a prescription number to validate your identity during your first pick up from ScriptCenter.

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# New feature of MHS GENESIS Patient Portal allows prescription refills

by Robert Hammer/MHS Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Defense Health Agency has launched a new feature that lets patients request prescription refills through MHS GENESIS.

MHS GENESIS is the Department of Defense's new electronic health record. It's now in use at every military hospital and clinic worldwide.

Prescription refills through the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, at https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/id entitymanagement/app/login, became available Feb. 29. In the first week, the Military Health System processed nearly 30,000 refills using the portal request.

"This new capacity within MHS GENESIS is something that was desired by beneficiaries," said U.S. Public Health Service Lt.



Cmdr. Minh Doan, patient portal solution owner for the DHA. "It is another tool for beneficiaries to manage their own health care."

Patients can now refill their

prescriptions by selecting the "Rx Refills" tab in the upper right panel on the portal's homepage.

Through the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, patients will be able to:

• See all prescriptions that are available to be refilled

• Choose which ones to be refilled

• Choose where to pick up the refill

• See when prescriptions are ready to be picked up

"This is an example of how the DHA is working to meet the patient where they are to make health care access more convenient," Doan said.

This new feature applies to existing

prescriptions that have remaining refills, said U.S. Navy Capt. Angie Klinski, deputy chief, MHS GEN-ESIS pharmacy solution owner. Klinski said the system determines a prescription is ready to be refilled when the patient has completed 75 percent of the previous fill. Prescriptions won't be eligible for refill before that time.

Patients will need a renewal when their prescription has no refills left, or has expired, and the patient still needs the medication. Use the MHS GENESIS secure messaging feature to request a renewal. Patients might need to talk to their provider first before a prescription can be renewed.

To access the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, visit https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil.

To read frequently asked questions on using the refill feature, visit https://tricare.mil/mhsgenesisrxrefills.

# CLICK2GO now accepts EBT/SNAP

by Defense Commissary Agency Corporate Communications

FORT GREGG-ADAMS, Va. - Commissary CLICK2GO, the Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) online shopping and curbside pickup service, now accepts Electronic Benefits Transfer/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (EBT/SNAP) payments online and in the app.

"We're proud to now offer EBT/SNAP customers

the ability to use their entitlement for online payment," said DeCA Director and CEO John Hall. "The EBT/SNAP online payment program makes it even easier for our patrons to make their food dollar go farther with the convenience of online ordering, curbside pickup and payment using their SNAP EBT — all from the convenience of their mobile device."

Commissary CLICK2GO -



https://corp.commissaries.com/sh opping/click-2-go - extended its services to commissary customers who participate in EBT/SNAP in all 50 states in October 2021. However, customers had to go inside the store to use their EBT/SNAP benefit to pay for their purchases. DeCA worked with the departments of Agriculture and Treasury to add the capability, and now customers can use their EBT/SNAP card when checking

out via their shop.commissaries (https://shop.commissaries.com) account or the mobile app.

The Commissary CLICK2GO payment processor currently accepts American Express, Discover, EBT/SNAP, Mastercard, Military Star and VISA for online and curbside payments.

EBT/SNAP is only available in the United States, not at overseas locations. Customers use a card that is similar to a credit or debit card to access their benefits. The EBT/SNAP account of a participant is debited to reimburse the store for the SNAP-authorized items they purchase.

"SNAP helps many families stretch their budget and put healthy food on the table each month," Hall said. "Making it easier for them to do so through CLICK2GO is another way of showing DeCA cares about the well-being of our military community."

With the CC2G mobile app, commissary customers can access the online payment/curbside pickup service, digital coupons, sales flyer, dietitian-approved recipes and more. The app is free for download through the Google Play and iOS app stores. All 235 commissaries around the world offer CC2G curbside pickup.

# **NFL ProCamps season begins**

by Kevin Robinson/DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

FORT GREGG-ADAMS, Va. - Hundreds of military children will soon get the opportunity to learn more about football in free camps run by professional players thanks to a partnership between the Defense Commissary Agency, Procter & Gamble, NFL ProCamps and the military.

With the start of the 12th season of the NFL ProCamps, military installations will compete for a chance to win a sports camp for the children in their community.

Through April 7, participating commissaries worldwide will offer their customers an opportunity to help win an NFL Pro-Camps event for their installation by purchasing select P&G products. The instructional camps are led by NFL players for children, grades 1-8, of active-duty, Reserve, retired and Department of Defense civilians. The winning installations are announced in late spring.

P&G is joining DeCA, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Navy Exchange Service Command, the Marine Corps Exchange and the Coast Guard Exchange to offer the ProCamps events.

"I'm a huge football fan, and it's such a boost for our military community to participate in camps led by NFL players," said Navy Command Master Chief Mario Rivers, senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director and CEO. "Perhaps an even bigger benefit is that the children will have fun learning about physical fitness and have an opportunity, in some cases, to help deal with the challenges of parents deploying and constantly moving from place to place."

During the March 11 to April 7 promotional period, commissary customers will see additional savings on their favorite P&G brands, said Dena Hawkins, sales director, P&G Military Team (DeCA Pillar Leader). Customer purchases of designated P&G products at their local commissaries and exchanges during the contest period will determine which installations win a Pro-Camps event for up to 150 children.

"The camp also provides a great opportunity for the military community to come together, and for the children to get to know each other," Hawkins said. "Additionally, if a winning military community does not have enough children, they will still be considered and could win a seven-on-seven flag football camp for the military community."

Campers will experience various stations to learn football fundamentals, participate in games and competitions, receive coaching from an NFL player on the fundamentals of football, and compete for a chance to win signed merchandise and more P&G product samples through



Photo by Cooper Wright/Special to the Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Deuce Vaughn, National Football League Dallas Cowboys running back and former Kansas State University running back, conducts drills with ProCamp participants July 14, 2023, at Normandy Field on Fort Leavenworth.

president of Partnership Marketing. "Without their commitment, events like the foot- portunity to learn a little football and meet ball ProCamps would not be possible. We an NFL star in a fun and safe environment," are so lucky to be able to continue to partner together to support and empower military families."

"This event allows military kids the op-Fanning said. "In addition to football skills, kids will learn the importance of hard work and teamwork on and off the field."

"Camper of the Day" awards.

"The commissary and exchange provide great value on essentials military families trust," said Molly Fanning, executive vice

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## IRS e-pay options available to Kansas taxpayers

by Internal Revenue Service Media Relations News Release

TOPEKA — With the April 15 filing deadline approaching, the Internal Revenue Service encourages Kansas taxpayers who might find it difficult to gather the necessary documents they need to file or pay the taxes they owe to consider several options offered on IRS.gov to avoid late filing and interest penalties.

Kansas taxpayers are invited to look up the IRS' Tax Time Guide, a resource to help taxpayers file an accurate tax return. As taxpayers approach the April 15 deadline, those who owe taxes can benefit from knowing their options.

Eligible individuals and families who earned \$79,000 or less in 2023 can use IRS Free File on IRS.gov to electronically file their taxes.

But all taxpayers, regardless of income, who need more time to file a return can use IRS Free File as an easy and quick way to electronically file for a six-month extension before April 15, 2024. An extension will help to avoid penalties and interest for failing to file on time, and gives taxpayers until Oct. 15, 2024, to file. However, they still must pay what they owe by the April 15 deadline.

Service members, military families and some veterans may also be eligible to use MilTax, a Department of Defense program similar to IRS Free File, which offers free return preparation software and electronic filing for federal tax returns and up to three state income tax returns.

Except for eligible victims of recent natural disasters who have until Oct. 15 to make tax payments, taxpayers who can't pay the full amount of taxes they owe by April 15 should file and pay what they can to reduce total penalties and interest.

There are multiple ways to make electronic payments, and there are options for a payment plan or an agreement with the IRS.

#### Create an IRS Online Account

An IRS Online Account provides taxpayers access to important information when preparing to file a tax return, pay a balance or follow up on notices. Taxpayers can view their information online including:

Adjusted Gross Income

• Payment history and any scheduled or pending payments

Payment plan details

• Digital copies of select notices from the IRS

Taxpayers can also use their IRS Online Account to securely make a same-day payment for an outstanding 2023 tax balance, pay quarterly estimated taxes for the 2024 tax season or request an extension to file a 2023 return.

Interest and a late payment penalty will apply to any payments made after April 15. Making a payment, even a partial payment, will help limit penalty and interest charges. ment through Direct Pay, taxpayers will receive immediate confirmation.

• **IRS2Go mobile app**: IRS2Go is the official mobile app of the IRS. Taxpayers can check their refund status, make a payment, find free tax preparation assistance, sign up for helpful tax tips and more. IRS2Go is available in both English and Spanish.

• Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW): This option allows taxpayers to file and pay electronically from their bank account when using tax preparation software or a tax professional. This option is free and only available when electronically filing a tax return.

• Electronic Federal Tax Payment System: This free service gives taxpayers a safe, convenient way to pay individual and business taxes by phone or online. To enroll and for more information, taxpayers can call 800-555-4477 or visit eftps.gov.

• Debit or credit card and digital wallet: Individuals can pay online, by phone or with a mobile device through any of the authorized payment processors. Processors do charge a fee to use these services. The IRS doesn't receive any fees for these payments. Authorized card processors and phone numbers are available at IRS.gov/payments.

• **Cash**: For taxpayers who prefer to pay in cash, the IRS offers a way to pay taxes at one of its many retail partners. The IRS urges taxpayers choosing this option to start early because it involves a four-step process. Details, including answers to frequently asked questions, are at IRS.gov/paywithcash.

• Check or money order: Payments made by check or money order should be made payable to the "United States Treasury." To make sure that the payment gets credited promptly, taxpayers should also enclose a 2023 Form 1040-V payment voucher and print the following on the front of the check or money order:

- "2023 Form 1040"
- Name
- Address
- Daytime phone number
- Social Security number
- Can't pay in full? Help is available

The IRS encourages taxpayers who cannot pay in full to pay what they can and consider a variety of payment options available for the remaining balance including getting a loan to pay the amount due. In many cases, loan costs may be lower than the combination of interest and penalties that the IRS must charge under federal law. Taxpayers should act as quickly as possible and are urged not to wait to respond to a notice: Tax bills accumulate more interest and fees the longer they remain unpaid. For all payment options, visit IRS.gov/payments.

Most individual taxpayers qualify for a payment plan and can use the Online Payment Agreement to set up a payment plan (including an installment agreement) to pay off an outstanding balance over time.



balance owed is less than \$100,000 in combined tax, penalties and interest. Additional time of up to 180 days to pay the balance in full.

• Long-term payment plan (installment agreement) – The total balance owed is less than \$50,000 in combined tax, penalties and interest. Pay in monthly payments for up to 72 months. Payments can be set up using direct debit (automatic bank withdraw), which eliminates the need to send in a payment each month, saving postage costs and reducing the chance of default. For balances between \$25,000 and \$50,000, direct debit is required.

Qualified taxpayers with existing payment plans may be able to use the Online Payment Agreement to make changes including revising payment dates, payment amounts or bank information for payments made by direct debit. Go to Online Payment Agreement for more information.

Though interest and late-payment penalties continue to accrue on any unpaid taxes after April 15, the failure-to-pay tax penalty rate is cut in half while an installment agreement is in effect.

Find more information about the costs

• Temporary delay of collection – Taxpayers can contact the IRS to request a temporary delay of the collection process. If the IRS determines a taxpayer is unable to pay, it may delay collection until the taxpayer's financial condition improves. Penalties and interest continue to accrue until the full amount is paid.

• Other payment plan options – Taxpayers who do not qualify for online self-service should contact the IRS using the phone number or address on their most recent notice for other payment plan options. For individuals and out-of-business sole proprietors who are already working with IRS Campus Collection and who owe \$250,000 or less, one available option is to propose a monthly payment that will pay the balance over the length of the Collection Statute (usually 10 years). These payment plans don't require a financial statement, but they do require a determination for the filing of a Notice of Federal Tax Lien.

For more information about payments, see Topic No. 202, Tax Payment Options, on IRS.gov.

## Taxpayer rights

The IRS reminds taxpayers that they

#### Direct Pay and other payment options

Direct Pay, available at IRS.gov, is the fastest, easiest way to make a one-time payment without signing into an IRS Online Account.

• Direct Pay: Direct Pay is free and allows taxpayers to securely pay their taxes directly from their checking or savings account without any fees or registration. Taxpayers can schedule payments up to 365 days in advance. After submitting a payOnce the online application is complete, the taxpayers receive immediate notification of whether their payment plan has been approved. Taxpayers can setup a plan using the Online Payment Agreement in a matter of minutes. There is no paperwork and no need to call, write or visit the IRS. Setup fees apply for some types of plans.

Online payment plan options for individual taxpayers include:

• Short-term payment plan – The total

of payment plans on the IRS' Additional Information on Payment Plans webpage.

#### Other tax debt options

Taxpayers struggling to meet their tax obligation might also consider these additional payment options:

• Offer in Compromise – Certain taxpayers qualify to settle their tax liabilities for less than the total amount they owe by submitting an Offer in Compromise. To help determine their eligibility, they can use the Offer in Compromise Pre-Qualifier tool. have rights and protections throughout the collection process. For details, see Taxpayer Bill of Rights and Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer.

Taxpayers should know before they owe. The IRS encourages all taxpayers to check their withholdings with the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator.

This information is part of a series called the Tax Time Guide, a resource to help taxpayers file an accurate tax return. Additional help is available in Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax.

I was AMAZED that an actual human being answered my call. I got the tax information I was looking for in less than five minutes. ??

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Got tax questions? We've got answers.

# AAFES to recognize, thank Vietnam veterans with pinning ceremonies

by Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs News Release

DALLAS - On behalf of a grateful nation, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will present Vietnam veterans with a complimentary lapel pin at Post Exchanges and Base Exchanges around the world in special pinning ceremonies on or around National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The pinning ceremony at the Fort Leavenworth Post Exchange is at 11 a.m. March 29.

The Exchange, in partnership with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, will provide the free commemorative lapel pins to veterans who served on active duty in the Armed Forces any time from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

"On the back of the pins is a heartfelt message that professes a sincere truth: 'A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You," said Exchange Director/CEO Tom Shull, a veteran who served during the Vietnam War era. "These heroes were not given the recognition and respect they deserved at the time of their service. The Exchange is honored to do its part to offer this token of gratitude recognizing their distinguished service."

To find pinning ceremonies near them, veterans are encouraged to visit their local Exchange's social media pages. More information can also be found on the Exchange's Community Hub at https://publicaffairs-sme.com/Commun ity/vietnam-commemoration/.

The Exchange has been a commemorative partner with the Vietnam War Commemoration since 2013, planning and conducting more than 400 events and activities recognizing the service, valor and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans and their families.

All veterans with serviceconnected disabilities are now eligible to shop at PXs and BXs for life, while all honorably discharged veterans can shop the Exchange online at ShopMyExchange.com. Veterans can visit https://aafes.media/ paveterans to learn more about their Exchange benefit.

Veterans who typically do not have access to installations should contact their local Exchange for information on attending a ceremony.

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration is a program administered by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The commemoration was authorized by Congress, established under the secretary of defense and launched by the president in 2012. It will continue through Veterans Day 2025.



## IMCOM Visit (continued from Page A1)

their hard work and commended them for helping make Fort Leavenworth such a beautiful post.

While at Fort Leavenworth, Jones and Copeland visited several offices across post and recognized a few staff members for their outstanding achievements, including:

• Carmela Feltz, Fort Leavenworth Child Development Center facility director, for her outstanding efforts during a recent Army Higher Headquarters Inspection

• Bethany Roemer, Fort Leavenworth Child and Youth Services facility director, for her outstanding efforts during a recent





Army Higher Headquarters Inspection

• Jason Land, an equipment operator with the Fort Leavenworth Department of Public Works, for his outstanding efforts to restore the installation's Parade Field

• Jessica McCalister, Directorate of Emergency Services dispatcher, for her volunteering to assist in troubleshooting and developing a bridging solution for the failing Computer Aided Dispatch system. She worked with the Mid-America Regional Council 911 team to ensure that the bridging solution will accept 911 data, which is critical to the installation's ability to respond to the community during an emergency.

• Sgt. Jacob McGregor, Department of the Army Security Guard for DES, for excellence for his unwavering vigilance at the Fort Leavenworth access-control points, to include identifying multiple violations and preventing the offenders from entering Fort Leavenworth. Violations included finding drugs, firearms, active warrants, people attempting to access Fort Leavenworth who had an altered visitor pass, did not have a driver's license, were registered sex offenders as well as other debarments.

Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

ABOVE: Installation Managment Command Commanding General Lt. Gen. Omar Jones answers a question about historic housing during the IMCOM Town Hall Meeting March 19 at the Frontier Conference Center.

LEFT: Department of the Army Security Guard Sgt. Jacob McGregor is thanked by Jones and IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Copeland for his vigilance at the Fort Leavenworth access-control points March 19 at Grant Gate.

Photo by Scott Gibson/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Officer



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Installation Managment Command Commanding General Lt. Gen. Omar Jones and IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Copeland visit with DES firefighters and Department of the Army police officers March 19 at Fire Station No. 1. While at the station, the IMCOM leaders recognized DES dispatcher Jessica McCalister, second from right, for volunteering to assist in troubleshooting and developing a bridging solution for the failing Computer Aided Dispatch system. A10

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Fort Leavenworth Military Youth of the Year Rayna Klutse delivers the speech she prepared for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Military Youth of the Year Competition to an assembly of peers, family, youth center staff, club leaders and church members March 18 at Harrold Youth Center. Klutse was named runner-up at the state-level of the BGCA Military Youth of the Year Competition March 19, for which she received a \$1,000 scholarship and \$200 gift card.





ABOVE: Carole Hoffman, Child and Youth Services coordinator, and Garrison Commander Col. Duane Mosier open a gift bag to reveal a laptop computer for Fort Leavenworth Military Youth of the Year Rayna Klutse during a ceremony March 18 at Harrold Youth Center. LEFT: Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Erika Rhine-Russell and Garrison Commander Col. Duane Mosier applaud Fort Leavenworth Military Youth of the Year Rayna Klutse March 18 at Harrold Youth Center. Klutse placed runner-up at the state-level of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Military Youth of the Year Competition the next day in Topeka, Kan.

## Youth of the Year (continued from Page A1)

"I initially got started with this program because when we first moved here, when I was starting eighthgrade, everything shut down because of COVID, so I had nothing to do and nowhere to go, nothing was open but the youth center was open. My mom (Brandy Moore-Klutse) signed the paperwork, enrolled us in, and I got here and got involved," Klutse said. "I did ACT prep classes (at the youth

center), I did babysitting classes. Back when I had projects for classes, and I really had a lot of those, I came here to get help and to use art supplies." to pursue a medical degree upon high school graduation this spring.

Klutse also recently completed her Eagle Scout project with Scouts BSA Troop 166.

"It is not difficult to tell you how wonderful Rayna is, it is difficult to narrow down those words," said Sarah Groefsema, Troop 166 Eagle Scout coordinator, Scouting volunteer and former Troop 166 Scoutmaster. "Rayna entered Scouting in November 2020 and made Eagle Scout in December of 2023. She worked hard learning new skills, and then taking those things she learned and took the time to teach other Scouts." face. Her attitude was always positive, even when the skill was hard to master. Her positive attitude was infectious, and still is, to everyone she meets," she said.

Groefsema said Klutse had many ideas for her Eagle Scout project, ultimately choosing to benefit the Leavenworth Mission Community Store and Food Pantry at 123 N. Broadway St. in Leavenworth.

"There were so many areas where she thought she could help different areas of the community," Groefsema said. "She led the Scouts in building a cooler to be used during the summer to allow milk products to be outside, as well as a mural on the side of the building to help let the community know the Mission is there to help. While Rayna was leading the mural, a couple members of the community came up and asked for information about the Mission and how it could help them, already proving the project was successful."

## **Youth of Year Speech**

by Rayna Klutse/Fort Leavenworth Military Youth of the Year

"Be All You Can Be" is the slogan for the United States Army, but it lives in me! Born in Hanau, Germany, now residing in Leavenworth, Kansas, I bring you greetings as a military child, and I simply love it!

Harrold Youth Center Director Michelle Eastburn said Klutse has been a member of Fort Leavenworth Child and Youth Services Middle School-Teen program since 2019, and has been a Child and Youth Services participant since she was 2 years old. She said she has spent countless volunteer hours as a teen mentor at Harrold Youth Center and at her church, is a two-time national Raiders team champion with the LHS Junior ROTC program, was selected at Lt. Gov. at Kansas Girls State, is a member of National Honor Society, and is planning

Klutse has served as senior patrol leader, patrol leader and troop instructor to teach skills to the other Scouts.

Groefsema said Klutse has been organized and goal-oriented while juggling her many activities and commitments.

"She kept an even head even in the face of adversity and maintained an open mind to new experiences. What I wish I could convey is that everything she did was with a smile on her

For more information about the BGCA Youth of the Year program, visit https://www.bgca.org/programs/char-acter-leadership/youth-of-the-year/.



Family, youth center staff, church members, coaches and friends gather to take photos of Fort Leavenworth Military Youth of the Year Rayna Klutse — joined by Child and Youth Services Coordinator Carole Hoffman, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Erika Rhine-Russell and Garrison Commander Col. Duane Mosier — after a ceremony honoring Klutse March 18 at Harrold Youth Center.

A vital part of why I love being a military child is because I can go to places such as the youth center.

This facility is where the:

Y — Young minds that are developed when they enter the building receive the

O — Opportunities that are

U — Uniquely designed to meet the needs of military children fostering the

T — Trust that gives parents a peace of mind, knowing their child is safe and at a place that feels like a

H — Home away from home. That spells YOUTH!

Now the

C — Change that ignites the evolution of who I'm becoming through the

E — Education and entertainment, but making sure my studies come first in a

N — Nondiscriminatory experience that

T — Transforms us from pre-teen, teenager and young adults that leaves me feeling

E — Empowered by the

R — Resources that have been provided for me.

That spells CENTER.

In conclusion, the youth center gives you the ingredients to be all you can be, so why not use the recipe?

Born in Hanau, Germany, now residing at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, my name is Rayna Klutse, the military child.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

# **Easter season services**

Fort Leavenworth Lent and Holy 29 at Frontier Chapel Week services

Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. March 31 at Pioneer Chapel

(Regular chapel schedule March 31) Protestant Christian Serv-

## ices

Lenten Lunch, noon to 1 p.m. March 20 at Frontier Chapel, room 153

Good Friday service, CrossRoads Protestant Community, 5 p.m. March

#### **Catholic Services**

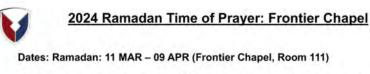
Stations of the Cross, 5:30-7 p.m. March 22 at Pioneer Chapel

Holy Thursday Mass, 6 p.m. March 28 at Pioneer Chapel

Good Friday service, 6 p.m. March 29 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m. March 30 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Mass, 9:30 a.m. March 31 at Frontier Chapel



Location: Please come to Room 111 in Frontier Chapel for Ramadan Individual Prayers

Frontier Chapel: 625 Thomas Avenue

Time: 0900-1700 (MON-FRI)

Please see your unit chaplain or call the Religious Support Office at 913-684-2210





POC: CH (MAJ) Chris Weinrich, christopher.w.weinrich.mil@anny.mil



**US Army Combined Arms Center** SOLDIERS AND LEADERS - OUR ASYMMETRIC ADVANTAGE

2024 Ramadan Time of Prayer

Who: All Muslim teammates assigned to Army University and affiliated elements

What: The practice of Ramadan to celebrate a season of prayer, fasting, reflection, and community. Muslim practice requires prayer 5 times a day. In order to facilitate the midday prayer requirement during Ramadan, Muslim teammates may pray in either of the two coordinated locations.

When: 10 MAR - 08 APR 2024

Where: Two locations have been coordinated for mid-day prayer

- a. L&C: The faculty lounge near the Joint Services pub on the 1st floor. - Available 1130-1300 Wednesdays 1130-1230.
- b. Room 111 in Frontier Chapel, 625 Thomas Avenue -Available 0900-1700 M-F

POC: Chaplain Andrew Muilenburg, CGSC Chaplain Email: andrew.c.Muilenburg.mil@army.mil Phone: 425-220-3164





# Pet of the Week





Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Dakota is an adult pointer-mix dog currently available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. He has already been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped, which are included in his \$75 adoption fee.

The Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, at 510 Organ Ave., is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and by appointment for pre-approved adopters. The facility is also open the second Saturday of each month (April 13) from 9 a.m. to noon.

See www.FLSF.petfinder. com or call 913-684-4939 for more information, or e-mail fortleavenwortstrayfacility@ gmail.com for an adoption application.

Volunteers are needed to help cover pet care shifts, walk dogs, clean kennels and more. Foster homes for adoptable pets are also needed. To apply to volunteer with the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, enter ZIP code 66027, then search for "stray animal facility" at https://vmis.army familywebportal.com/.



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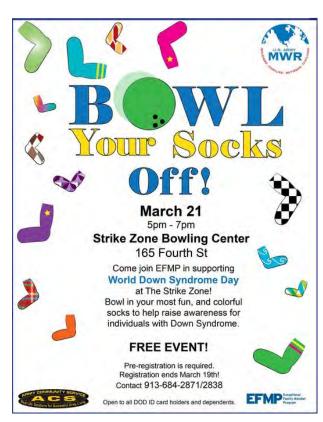






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## **Online:** https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/about/news





**DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY** 



A very special visitor will be hopping by to visit with the kids! There will be children's activities including crafts and photos!

Reservations are OPEN NOW Space is limited. Reservations CLOSE March 22nd or more information visit



Southern Fried Chicken Smoked Gould Au Grafin Potatoes Chef Carved Roast Baron of Beef with Au Jus and Horseradish Sauce Fresh Green Beans with Roasted Garlic Premium Chicken Bites Four Cheese Macaroni and Cheese

## Assorted Fresh Baked De





#### The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual War of 1812 in the West Symposium Featuring Acclaimed Regional & National Historian

m, Leavenworth Room, 100 Re g 801, Fort Leaven worth, Ka s 66027 losted by the Frontier Army Museum & Spor by the 1st U. States Infantry Regiment - Clemson's Company.

> registration or fee required, featuring e on the War of 1812. March 23 & 24, 2024



**OPERATION DEPLOY YOUR DRESS** SPECIAL POP UP SHOP FOR **JROTC BALL & PROM** SATURDAY, MARCH 23 10AM-2PM RM 106, BLDG 198, 600 THOMAS AVE, FT. LEAVENWORTH \*\*FREE dress with valid Military ID\*\*



**Operation Deploy Your Dress, a Fort Leavenworth** Spouses' Club endeavor, is offering porch pick ups on post the following Mondays: March 18, April 8, April 22 and April 29. Send a message via Facebook or email ODYDFLSC@gmail.com to arrange a pick up.

The FLMGS Drama Ministry Presents ... Was It All A Dream? March 202 23 Saturday Fellowsbip dinner following the play./ Please bring a dessert to share. POC Lolita Law / Text 913-240-9311 **FLMGS Drama Ministry** 

"WAS IT ALL A DREAM?" Presentation will be held on March 23, 2024 2:00 pm in Frontier Chapel

"WAS IT ALL A DREAM?"

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**Chapel Easter Eggs Hunts** 



Date: 31 March 2024 (Sunday)

1. CrossRoads Protestant Community (0830 & 1100) 1000: Pioneer Chapel Grounds

2. Roman Catholic Mass 1000: St. Ignatius Building Area for the Egg Hunt

3. Multicultural Gospel Service: 1130 Pioneer Chapel Grounds

\*\*\*Sponsored by the Fort Leavenworth Chapel Congregations.

Please join our chapel services and the egg hunts on 31 March 2024!!

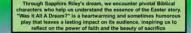
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**OUR SERVICE** 

VIETNAM MEMORIAL **PINNING DAY** 

March 29, 2024

11:00 am



POC: Sister Lolita Law 913.240.9311 litalaw@me.com



## **Scholarship Opportunities**

Note-This information is provided to US Army School Liaison Officers as information of common interest regarding various scholarship opportunities throughout the United States

Such information is not an actual or implied endorsement of these colleges/universities/organizations by the US Army, Fort Leavenworth FMWR, and/or Fort Leavenworth CYS.

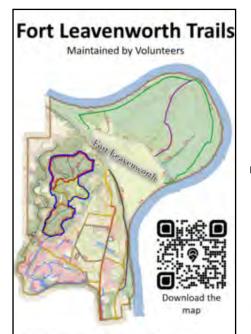
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Wednesday Evenings, 6 - 8 p.m. 20 March - 22 May Frontier Chapel, Fort Leavenworth Childcare will be available

Contact Zach at zimundell@gmail.com for more details





Fort Leavenworth Trails are multi-use. Share the trail with foot, bike, and horseback. Dogs must remain on leash.

Most of the trails on Fort Leavenworth are volunteer maintained. Join the group on Facebook to discuss trail condition and learn how you can help improve and sustain the trails.



# **Updated Fort Leavenworth** recreation points of interest, trail map available for download

Volunteers sought to help with trail improvements



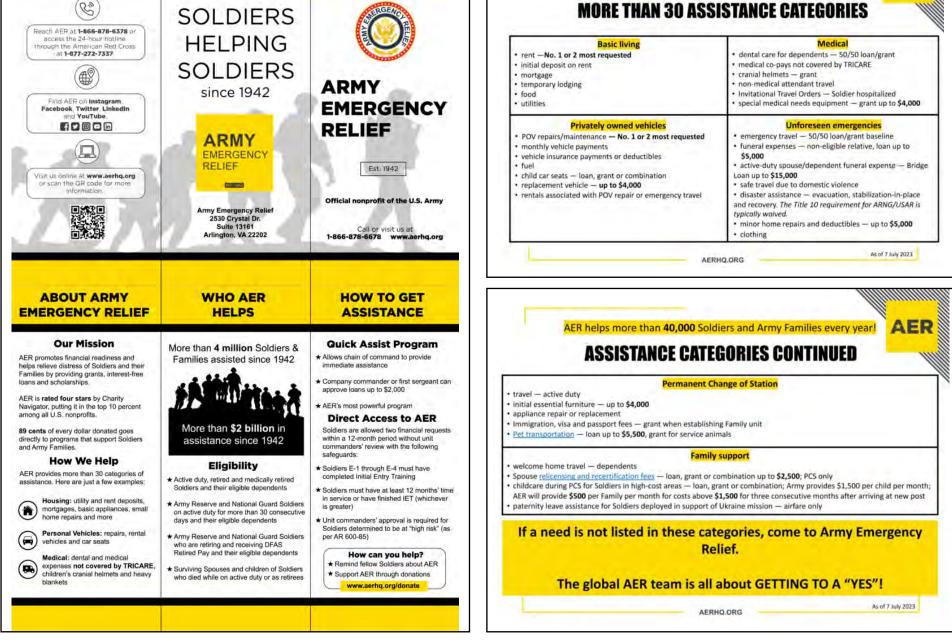
Use the QR code at left to download the multi-use trail map, which also features recreational points of interest such as the dog parks and fishing lakes, and a map of hunting areas, or visit https:// store.avenza.com/products/fort-leavenworth-trailsfort-leavenworth-trail-keepers-map. The map, seen below, can be made larger and turned for easier viewing with the downloaded file.

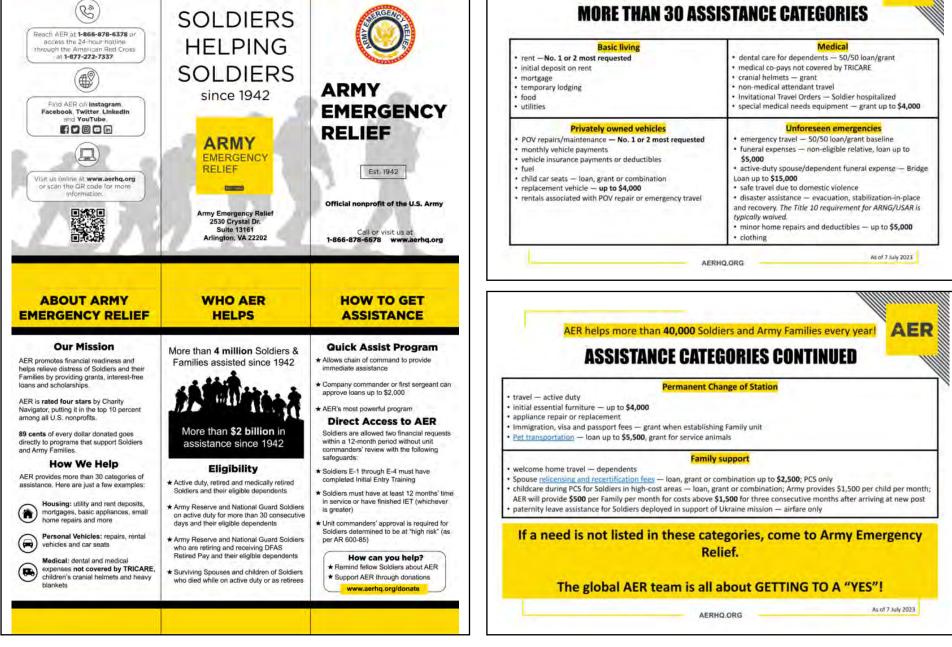
Join the Trail Keepers group on Facebook using the QR code at right to learn more about volunteer opportunities to assist with trail improvements, sustainability and maintenance.



## **REACH US**







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The Fort Leavenworth Lamp welcomes part-time volunteer REPORTERS and INTERNS!

Flexible schedule, great way to learn about the community and excellent opportunity to add content to a writer's professional portfolio.

Experienced journalists preferred but training/mentorship provided if interested in learning the skills required.

Apply for the Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Assistant position on the Volunteer Information Management System at https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com.

E-mail resumé and writing samples to ftlvlampeditor@gmail.com.

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\*ID's will be scanned at the main gates beginning at 8 am, everyone 16 years and older must provide a current ID to enter.

April 27th · 8AM - 3PM Event is open to the public! \*





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**Fort Leavenworth Sponsors Civilians WG6/NAF4/GS-9** 



## and Permanent Party Military MAJ's and Above

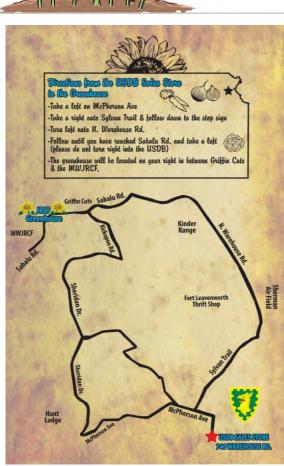
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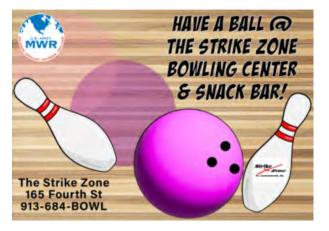












## FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP







## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD Proclamation Signing

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March & April Arts & Calligraphy Watercolor Crafts Studio Courses Workshops Basics Intermediate \$175 = 5 classes \$25 per workshop \$20 per class \$20 per class Tuesday March 26 11:30am - Tpm luesday Watercolor 201 Watercolor April 2 11:30am - 1pm (Intermediate Course) (Basic Techniques) very Thursday Tuesday Mother's Day Cards March 28 - May 2 April 2 April 9 11:30am - Tpm 9:30am - 11am 6pm - 8pm Watercolor 301 Watercolor (Advanced Landscapes) (Color Theory) very Thursday luesday March 28 - April 25 April 9 9:30am Ilam 12pm 2pm Come use our provided supplie to craft with the whole family Cost includes all supplies Watercolor (Spring Florals) Jesclay Reoccurring Classes Provided watercolor and crylic supplies to create you own masterpiece. April 16 9.30am - 11am Intro to Framing Watercolor \$40 per class (Landscapes) Every 2nd Thursday & 4th Saturday of the month 10am - 2pm fuesday before using DI Framing Studio April 23 Paint & Sip 9:30am - 11am \$35 per session Every 2nd Friday of the month 6pm 8pm Must be 21 years or older. Call now to register! ÖZ P 913-684-3373 Come see what's new at the Studio! MWR scan for more info

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024



Prizes awarded to 1st Place in each Flight

## March 2024

#### New Parent Support Program

Stroller Walk Tuesdays, 10:00am - 11:00am Resiliency Center, Outside

Play Morning Thursdays, 9:00am - 10:00am & 10:00am - 11:00am Resiliency Center

Childbirth Class March 4, 11, & 18, 5:00pm - 7:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Dad's Night Out March 20, 6:00pm - 8:00pm Restaurant is TBD

Mom's Night Out March 27, 6:00pm - 8:00pm Restaurant is TBD

#### Survivor Outreach Services

Knock Your Pin Off Bowling Social for Gold Star & Survivor Families March 23, 1:00pm - 3:00pm Strike Zone Bowling Center

#### Army Volunteer Corps

Volunteer Basics March 13, 12:00pm - 1:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157



Handicap access at the front of Building 198

## RMY COMMUNITY BERVIDE Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

#### Family Advocacy

Scream Free Marriage & Parenting March 6, 1:00pm - 2:30pm Resiliency Center, Room 145

Stress Management March 14, 11:30am - 1:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 145

Navigating the Teen Years March 19, 1:00pm - 2:30pm Resiliency Center, Room 145

Co-Parenting Workshop March 21, 12:00pm - 1:30pm Resiliency Center, Room 145

#### **Employment Readiness Program**

Federal Employment March 6, 12:00pm - 2:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Resume Writing March 20, 12:00pm - 2:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

## **Event Schedule**

Bowl Your Socks Off FREE Bowling Event to support World Down Syndrome Day March 21, 5-7pm Registration Required!

**Exceptional Family Member Program** 

EFMP Recreational Bowling for EFMP Members and their Families March 2,12:00pm - 2:00pm Strike Zone Bowling Center

EFMP Refreshing Conversations March 7, 10:00am -11:00am, Exchange Food Court

Sensory Storytime March 15, 10:00am -11:00am, Combined Arms Research Library

Empowering Families Lunch & Learn Workshop March 21, 12:00pm -1:00pm, Microsoft Teams

#### **Relocation Readiness**

In-Processing Brief Tuesdays, 9:00am - 10:00am Resiliency Center, Room 157

OCONUS Levy Brief Tuesdays, 10:00am - 11:00am Resiliency Center, Room 157

Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave, Building 198 913-684-2800 // 913-684-HELP(4357) Hours: Monday - Wednesday, & Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm (closed 1130-1230) Thursday, 1:00pm - 4:30pm Follow us on Facebook! @FortLeavenworthACS Follow us on Twitter! @LeavenworthACS

CALL ACS TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES TODAY! ALL EVENTS LISTED ARE FREE!



## THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

ACS

**New Parent Support** 

**Prenatal Classes** 

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Childbirth Classes: Series of three classes January 8th, 22nd, 29th

March 4th, 11th, 18th May 6th, 13th, 20th

July 15th, 22nd, 29th

September 16th, 23rd, 30th

November 4th, 18th, 25th

Newborn Care Classes:

February 12th

April 15th

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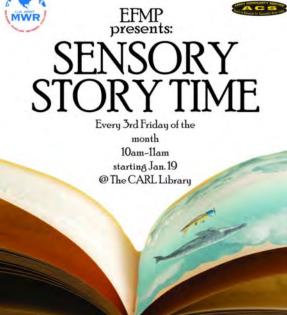


## June 10th Free August 12th for October 21st December 9th Expectant Parents! Breastfeeding Classes: February 5th April 8th 600 Thomas Ave June 3rd Room 157 August 5th All classes are from October 7th 5 pm - 7 pm December 2nd Contact 913-297-3212 Come join us to learn the cues to look for when deciding to potty train! Learn valuable tips to get you started! ACS **New Parent Support** Are you ready? 600 Thomas Ave Time to lose the Room 157 diapers? 2/26, 4/22, 6/17, 8/19, FREE For Parents of Children aged 0-4 years \*Pre-registration Required\* Deadline is Friday before class 10/28, 12/16 5 pm - 7 pm ACS Contact 913-297-3212 SCR Marriage & Parenting

ACS **Conference Room 145** 600 Thomas Ave From 1:00 - 2:30pm Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3, May I

Feeling frustrated? Overwhelmed? Let us help you focus on staying both calm







Ceremony Shining a Light on our Volunteers! April 16

Volunteer Check-In: 9:45AM - 10:15AM

Ceremony: 10:30AM - 12PM

**Frontier Conference Center** 

Please join us in recognizing our amazing Fort Leavenworth

Volunteers. We will be honoring our Volunteers, Volunteer

nveiling the check our Volunteers helped us gener

**Registration is NOT required** for the public For more info: (913) 684-2835

ouncing the Volunteer of the Year, and

connected with your loved ones. We'll work together to find the tools to revolutionize your relationship. FREE Open to all DOD ID holders 18+ Call to register (deadline is day leavenworth.armymwr.com

913-684-2822 / 2808

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## **VOLUNTEER BASICS**

JAN 10 • MARCH 13 • MAY 15 • JUNE 26 • AUG 28 • SEPT 4 ACS CLASSROOM . 600 THOMAS AVE.

TIME: 12PM - 1PM

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY? IF SO, THEN BE SURE TO CHECK OUT VOLUNTEER BASICS. LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON FORT LEAVENWORTH AND IN THE COMMUNITY. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING AND HOW TO PROPERLY LOG HOURS INTO THE VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (VMIS).

**REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED, JUST SHOW UP.** 

INFO: (913) 684-2835



## Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

can alert you when weather threatens!



WEAs are emergency messages sent by government authorities to your mobile phone, reserved for life-threatening situations.



Keep WEAs enabled on your phone. It could save your life or the lives of others.

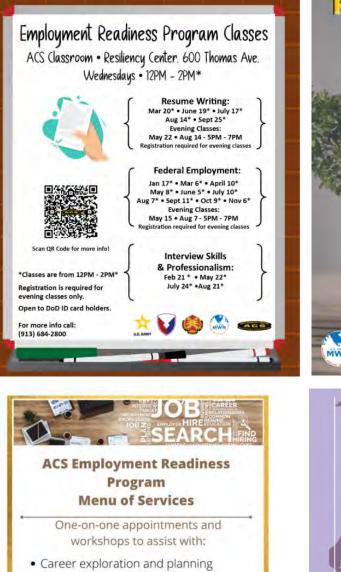


All ages are encouraged to join! POC 913-684-2871/ 2838

FREE and open to DoD ID holders!

EFMP RECREATIONAL OWL Every first Saturday of the month 12:00pm - 2:00pm **Strike Zone Bowling Center** 165 Fourth St Meet other EFMP families! **EFMP** Recreational Bowling is a fun way to socialize, and sharpen fine motor skills. All ages welcome! FREE for the entire family including shoes! Bumpers, bowling ramps, and lightweight bowling balls are available. Pre-registration is required the Wednesday before the event. 5 Call 913-684-2800 for more info or to register MWR ACS EFMP









**ACS Family Advocacy Program Presents** 





#### Hosted by: Transition Assistance Program & the Family and Morale, Welfare and **Recreation Directorate**

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUP

When: <u>Novembe</u>r 7th and 21st <u>December</u> 5th & 19th lanuary 2nd, 16th & 30th February 13th & 27th 1:00PM-2:30PM Where: 600 Thomas Ave Room 145 CALL 913-683-2537 ACS

## - Family Advocacy Program -Victim Advocacy Program

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of domestic violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence by an intimate partner, please reach out to the victim advocacy program at 913.683.2537



Victim

Advocacy Services

Education

Support Group

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April 3, 2024 April 10, 2024

April 17, 2024

April 24, 2024

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Scan our OR codes & follow us on Facebook & LinkedIn for upcoming events & information



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## **BOSS** soldiers

here's what's "let your voice be happening heard" updated

recreation & leisure • events • meetings qualify of life • community service



## Mom & Me CROCHETING

## May 17 1pm - 4pm **Room 157** 600 Thomas Ave

Come on out and learn a new skill, or perfect an existing one! An instructor will be available to teach the basics.

"Stitch" together and bond with your kids! Supplies and snacks will be provided! Have a favorite yarn? You're welcome to bring it!

> Please RSVP by May 10 Call 913-684-2808/2800

> > MWF

FREE! Ages 8+



## MONARCH BUTTERFLY

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AT A GLANCE

SITES INCLUDE:

TX: Ft. Cavazos, Dyess AFB, Laughlin
 OK: Ft. Sill, Tinker AFB, Camp Gruber
 KS: Ft. Riley
 NE: Camp Ashland
 CA: Vandenberg AFB

#### POSITION DESCRIPTION

Monarch butterfly and habitat monitoring - Interns will receive training in surveying monarchs and their habitat, along with instruction in ecological field protocols.

 Compensation: \$600/week
 When traveling, participants v
\$1000 housing stipend and travelegement ingaging the public leading talks, nati

ing with partners - Interna with the natural resource managers on their representing our program to the public and par

#### QUALIFICATIONS







## **NOW HIRING**

- Medical, Dental, Vision & Life Insurance Benefits\*
- Career Progression & Paid Training
- Thition Reimbursement Possibilities
- Priority Child Care Placement and Employee Child Care discounts
- Tax-free Shopping Privileges at AAFES
- Job transfer program worldwide through Civilian





**CYS** is hiring **Great Pay! Amazing Benefits!** @ Fort Leavenworth APPLY NOW! ArmyMWR.com/cyscareers

## Intramural Volleyball League

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Enlisted Week at the Golf Course



Apr 1 2024 - Apr 7 2024

From the 1st - 7th of every month, Active Duty Enlisted Soldiers get to play for FREE at Trails West Golf Course!

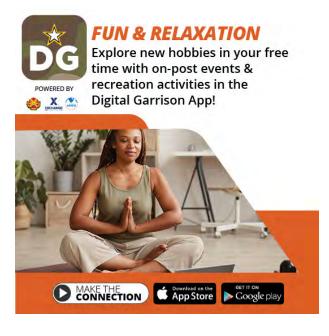
Monday - Friday // Anytime

Saturday - Sunday // Anytime after 1PM Golf cart not included, walkers are welcome









FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP



Brunner Range

2024

LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Winter Combo



Info: (913) 651-8132 701 Sheridan Drive



6 June - 11 July 18 July—22 August Fall Combo

5 September - 7 November

Winter Warm-up 14 November - 19 December

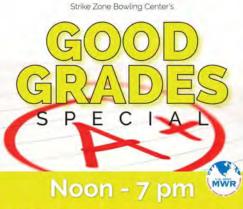
Each league has a one-time payment of \$25 Payment is held for prizes at the end of each league. Combo leagues shoot on Thursday evenings. Teams consist of 5(+/-) shooters. All teams take turns supplying an evening meal at approximately 5:30 pm with oting commencing at 6:00 pm. Summer and Winter Warm-up leagues are individ





with the same fee but no food. Contact Brunner Range for more information (913) 651-8132





October 21, January 6, March 23 & May 25

Kids! Bring in your report cards and receive one free game for every "A" or equivalent. Straight "A"s gets you free sodas for the family (6 max) and all "B's or better gets you 32 off any pizza. Games may be used by all family members.

> Strike Zone - 165 Fourth Street - (913) 651-2195 https://leavenworth.armymwr.com





## **Clean Paws Pet Wash**

Open 24 hours a day! Merritt Lake Parking Lot Cash, Coin and Card

> U.S. ARMY MWR

Info: (913) 651-7176

## Cosmic Bowling at the Strike Zone

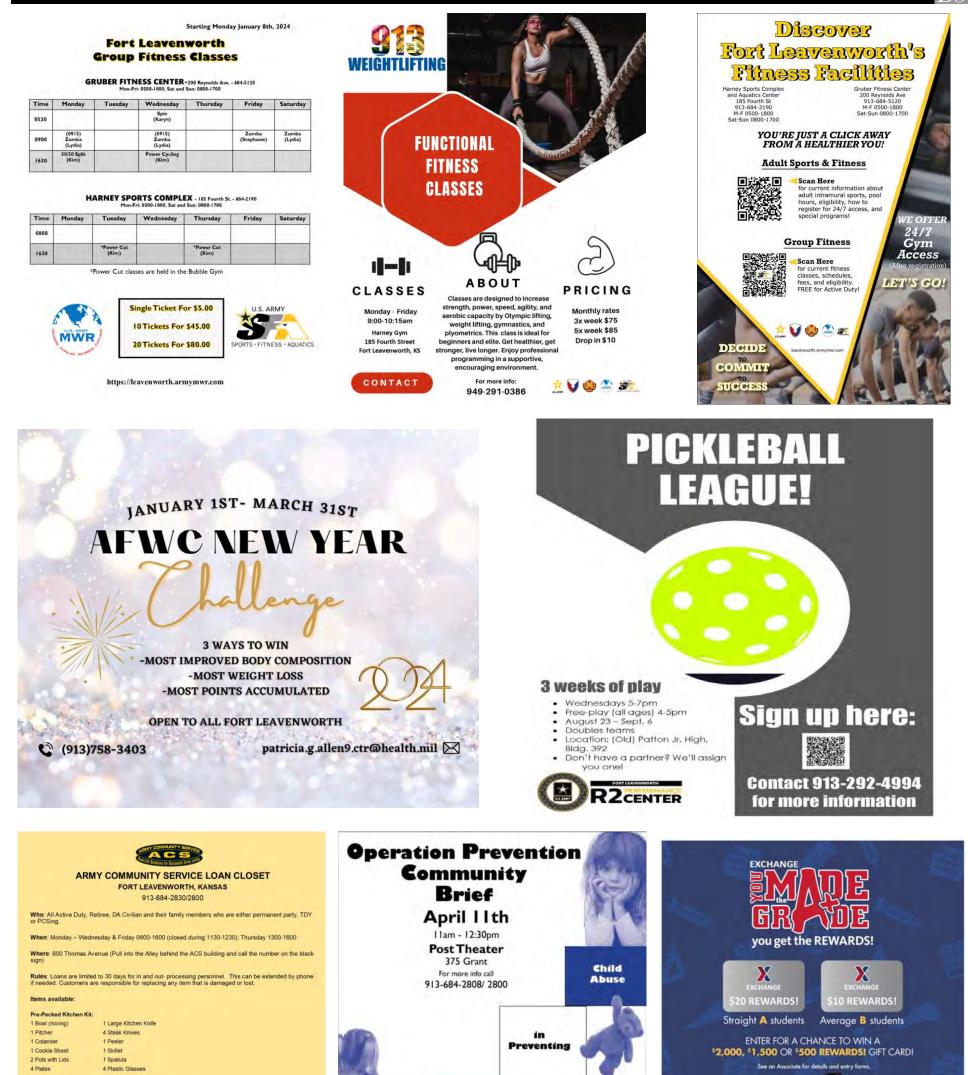
Every Saturday Night \$12 all you can bowl for 2 hours includes shoe rental

Info: (913) 651-2195 Leavenworth.armymwr.com



### FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024



Whisks Glass Baking Dishes-Rectangle Glass Baking Dishes-Circle Muffin Pans Hand Mixers

4 Bowls

4 Knives

4 Coffee cups 4 Forks 4 Spoons

Additional Items Cheese Graters

Spaghetti Servers

Pizza Cutters

Coffee Makers Crock Pots Toasters Rice Cookers Microwaves

1 Can Opener 1 Set of Measuring Spoons 1 Measuring Cup 1 Potholder

2 Serving Spoons

Plates

Bowls

Coffee Cup

Irons Ironing Boards Trash Cans Air Fryers Indoor Grills

Square Tables

Circle Tables

Folding Chairs

Knowledge

Spouses, DOD Civilians, and Service Members 18+. nbers 18+ Bring your Unit and check off a Training Requirement for FY 24. ACE (

Come join the Family Advocacy Program to learn

valuable information about recognizing,

reporting, and helping to prevent child abuse and/or neglect, and domestic violence/ intimate partner

iolence. Training is FREE and open to all



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## FORT LEAVENWORTH LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICES TOP TICKETS Disneyland Military Salute Offer 2024: <u>3 DAY Park Hopper</u> Our Price \$268.50 W/Genie \$357.75 <u>4 DAY Park Hopper</u> Our Price \$314.25 W/Genie \$433.00 Disney World Military Salute Offer 2024:

<u>4 DAY Park Hopper</u> Jur Price \$365.00....W/Water Park and Sports Center \$395.00 5 DAY Park Hopper 15.00....W/Water Park and Sports Center \$415.00

<u>6 DAY Park Hopper</u> Our Price \$399.75....W/Water Park and Sports Center \$435.00

Universal Orlando Military Freedom Offer 2024: 2 Park Freedom Pass Adult \$210.00 and Child age 3-9 \$205.00 <u>3 Park Freedom Pass</u> Adult \$245.00 and Child age 3-9 \$240.00

Universal Hollywood: 1 Day General Admission Adult and Child 3+ \$112.00

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Step

#### GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AT FORT LEAVENWORTH LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICES!

310 McPherson Ave, Bldg 464

913-684-2141

## Saturday 6 APRIL @ 2DM

\$36 or \$56

**Tickets Must Be Durchased By 27 March** Event Takes Place At The T-Mcbile Center

## We have KC Royals Tickets for the 2024 season!

Exclusive Military Rate for tickets and parking. Ticket prices are based on tiers and vary depending on opponent.



For more info call, or stop by Leisure Travel Services. (913) 684-2580 310 McPherson Ave (located inside the old USDB) Or check out our website, Leavenworth.armymwr.com

## **2024 Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun**

### **Gold Season Pass**

Available Now @ Fort Leavenworth Leisure Travel Services



912-681-2580 Ha siness Hours Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri @ 10a-5p SLDG 464, Fort L



1) When is Donation Day?

Donation Day is every 2nd Saturday of the month. Please have items for donation out before 8:00 a.m.

2) Where can I donate items? Items can be left on the curb in front of your home. Please place items in a clear bag or box clearly labeled FOR DONATION.

g) What items can I donate? City Union Mission will take donations of household goods, clothing, toys, etc. Furniture will also be picked up, as long as it is in good condition for

4) What will happen in the event of inclement weather? Please follow us on Facebook for updates to the community

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT OFFICE: (913) 682-6300

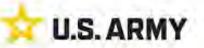


## CALLING ALL MILITARY SPOUSES!

The 2024 Active-Duty Spouses Survey is out. It assesses the impact of military life on spouses and their families. Unlike many surveys about military family life, THIS SURVEY IS A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE AND IS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. This is our opportunity to share what is working and what is not working in this military life we all live. It will take about 10 minutes!

## HOW DO I TAKE THE 2024 SURVEY?

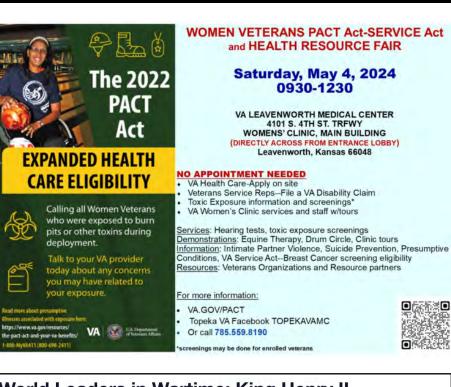
- 1. Go to https://www.dodsurveys.mil
- 2. Click the "DON'T HAVE A TICKET" button
- 3. Put your 10-digit BENEFICIARY DOD ID NUMBER found on the back of your Military ID Card. This ensures only military spouses are the ones completing the survey and they are completing it only one time. It is an anonymous survey.
- 4. Put in your DAY of birth and click the GET MY **TICKET NUMBER button.**



It's almost time for the FY24 Army **Housing's Annual Tenant** Satisfaction Survey. Are YOU In?

Opt-In from your cell phone now to receive your Survey via text message











THE US ARMY GARRISON FORT LEAVENWORTH EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICE

Presents

FY24 Mandatory Face to Face **ANTI-HARASSMENT/ NO FEAR ACT** AND EEO TRAINING

LOCATION: POST THEATER

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

20 March 2024, Wednesday: 1030-1130 (Employees) 1300-1400 (Supervisors)

3rd Quarter 3 May 2024, Friday: 0900-1000 (Employees)

1030-1130 (Supervisors)

18 June 2024, Tuesday:

1300-1400 (Supervisors)

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## when it becomes available in March\*

The survey is being conducted online and is being administered through a third party, CEL & Associates, Inc. (CEL). All households living in privatized or government managed Army Housing are invited to participate in the survey, and this is your opportunity to provide feedback on your housing and community. Households will also receive the survey via email but only one survey per household can be submitted. All surveys submitted are confidential and anonymous. For more Information contact your Housing Office or management office for privatized housing.

#### OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0704-0553 OMB EXPIRATION DATE: 05/31/2025

#### 1430-1530 (Employees)

(Employees) = Civilian Employees. (Supervisors) = Supervisors, and Military Supervisors of Civilian Employees

For FY24 face to face training is mandatory. On-line training is no longer valid. The Ft. Leavenworth Garrison EEO office will track attendance for IMCOM employees only. Other organizations are welcome to attend training, but they must track and report training separately.

For additional information, please contact: EEO: Kale E. Webster, EEO Specialist, kale.e.webster.civ@army.mil





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# Car Seat Safety Round-Up today!



Department of Defense photo

Munson Army Health Center will conduct a CAR SEAT SAFETY ROUND-UP from noon to 3 p.m. March 21 in the health center's parking lot.

Many fake and unsafe products are being sold, especially online. These products put children's lives at risk because they are not safe to use in a crash.

Car crashes produce huge forces. A 30-mph crash creates the same amount of force as a fall from a threestory building. Safety seats and booster seats are carefully designed to protect children from this force. They meet all federal safety standards, including crash protection, flammability and labeling.

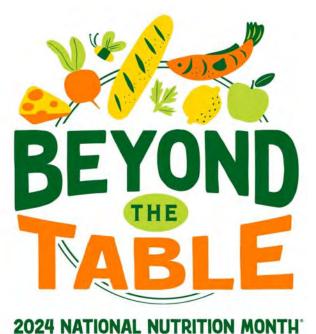
Stop by the MAHC drive-up event and certified car seat inspection technicians can check to make sure your car seat is safe and properly installed.

In case of inclement weather, the outdoor rodeo might be rescheduled for the safety of visitors and staff. Check the Munson Army Health Center Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/munsonhealth for updates.









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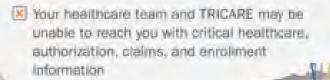
THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

**HEALTH QUESTIONS** 

WHILE YOU'RE

ON THE GO?

health.mil/BIAMonth



## Update DEERS immediately if you experience any of the following:

- Move.
- Marriage or divorce
- Change in sponsor's status (e.g. retirement or separation, activation or deactivation, change in service status)
- New birth or adoption
- Change in a student's full-time enrollment status
- Become eligible for Medicare
- Death of sponsor or family member
- Change of contact information (e.g. email address, phone number)

## Learn how to update DEERS at: http://www.TRICARE.mil/DEERS



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MHSNurseAdviceLine.com

Web chat, video chat or find your country-specific phone number 24/7

A REGISTERED NURSE IS ONLY A CALL OR CLICK



AWAY

Get health care advice + Find a health care provider + Schedule same or next day appointments when recommended by nurse + Get an online "absence excuse" or "sick slip" + Receive help for urgent/emergent care and traveling beneficiaries

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MTF enroliment, command guidance and recommendations by a registered nurse may be required. If you have an emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.



## REASONS TO CONNECT WITH 988

You can call, text, and chat the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline to talk about a lot of things.



### NEW!

Warfighter Brain Health Resources for Leaders





## Munson Website

www.Munson.TRICARE.mil

Information updated weekly! Check us out!

> 913-684-6000 Information Desk



The pharmacits at Munson are available to talk to you directly about your medications. They can help you understand how to use your medicine correctly what your medicine is supposed to do, and the possibility of reactions or side effects. You can also talk to your pharmacist about how to store and take medication, what foods or activities to avoid, and what to do if you miss a dose. If you would like to talk to somen about your medicines, please dial (913) 684-6250 opt 2, and your pharmacist can help.