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Diversity celebrated at Army Heritage Month observance



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Williams, Medical Department Activity, talks about the history of Juneteenth with Marcela Aquirre and her 15-year-old son Aiden Calderon, members of the Kansas City, Kansas-based Mexican folkloric dance group Itsi Asuli, during the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Army Heritage Month observance and diversity fair June 25 at the Frontier Conference Center.

Summer Jubilee is July 3

by Combined Arms Center Public Affairs Office

The Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth will be hosting a Summer Jubilee from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 3 with free activities, food trucks, museum tours and more for all ages. Everyone is invited to attend.

For those without base access who wish to attend, an access request can be submitted by July 2 at https://pass.aie.army.mil/?b=usa&fort_leavenworth&e=29ZJGC1V.



Save the Date! July 3, 2024

Combined Arms Center & Fort Leavenworth Summer Jubilee 8 a.m.—2:30 p.m. by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp Editor

Diversity was the focus of the Army Heritage Month observance and fair June 25 at the Frontier Conference Center.

Tables laden with information and displays related to what were once monthly observances filled the ballroom, with ethnic food tastings during the event and speakers offering their takes on diversity.

"This month gives us the opportunity to not only commemorate our past achievements, but to recognize the resilience and sacrifice that shapes our Army and pay tribute to our veterans whose selfless service has preserved the ideals on which our nation was founded," narrator Staff Sgt. Abigael Santos, Medical Department Activity, told those gathered to hear speakers' remarks. Speaker Howard Brewington, deputy director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence, is a member of the Coharie Tribe who grew up in North Carolina and now has a small farm in Tonganoxie, Kansas. Dressed in his overalls and John Deere cap, he told the audience that during his interactive remarks, they were going to talk about who they are and why what they do matters.

"Somebody told me once in my life 'You gotta be who you are,' because if you be who you are, then everybody knows who you are; if you try to be something you're not, then you just come across looking fake and phony."

Brewington asked the audience to raise their hands accordingly as he asked questions about who

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June retirees honored

Most the activities and events will be at Gruber Fitness Center, Merritt Lake parking lot and Doniphan and Gruber Fields.

Bowling, golf and swimming are free, but the activities require a ticket from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Tickets will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 3 at the Merritt Lake parking lot. Opening remarks will be in front of Gruber Fitness Center, and closing remarks will be in the Merritt Lake parking lot.

The Homerun Derby, Three-Point Contest, and Punt, Pass, Kick, Sprint are free and open to everyone. Just show up to participate.

Kickball and the team portion of the Workout of the Day have preselected teams, but come out to cheer them on.

Individuals can challenge themselves with the Workout of the Day between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tours at the Frontier Army Museum are at 9 a.m. with speaker Megan Hunter about Fort Leavenworth and Leavenworth city history; 10-10:20 a.m. break and a mini museum talk highlighting an exhibit or artifact; 10:30 a.m. with speaker George Pettigrew about Buffalo Soldier history; 12:30 p.m. with speaker Pete Grande about U.S. Disciplinary Barracks history; and a guided tour with museum staff at 1:30 p.m.

Visit https://www.facebook.com/USACAC/ for updates.

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Combined Arms Center Public Affairs Office graphics

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at 9 a.m. June 27 at the Frontier Conference Center. The ceremony will also be live-streamed at https://www.facebook.com/USAGLeavenworth/.

Retiring are: Lt. Col. Aaron Mock, Mission Command Training Program; Lt. Col. Adam Cronkhite, Garrison Directorate of Emergency Services; Lt. Col. Mark Lemanski, MCTP; Lt. Col. Fritz Schultes, MCTP; Lt. Col. Johnathan Leming, Army University; Maj. Wade Hatzinger, MCTP; Maj. Edna Keller, Army Corrections Command; Maj. Monique Eddins, MCTP; Maj. James Cole, Mission Command Center of Excellence; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Stephen Bagosbah, MCTP; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Amanda Nordhues, Army University; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Benvenuto, Center for Army Lessons Learned; Sgt. 1st Class Shannon Lewis, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention; Sgt. 1st Class Robert Duff, MCTP; and Staff Sgt. Stephanie James, MCTP.

■ The *Fort Leavenworth Lamp* will not publish July 4. Look for the **NEXT ISSUE OF THE LAMP JULY 11.** The *Lamp* staff wishes you a safe and happy holiday!

■ The Garrison change of responsibility ceremony between outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Erika Rhine-

AT A GLANCE

Russell and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Vanessa Sun is at 9:30 a.m. June 28 at the Frontier Conference Center. The ceremony will be livestreamed at https://www.facebook.com/USAGLeavenworth/.

■ The Munson Army Health Center's Gentry Clinic parking lot is under contruction. Patients can

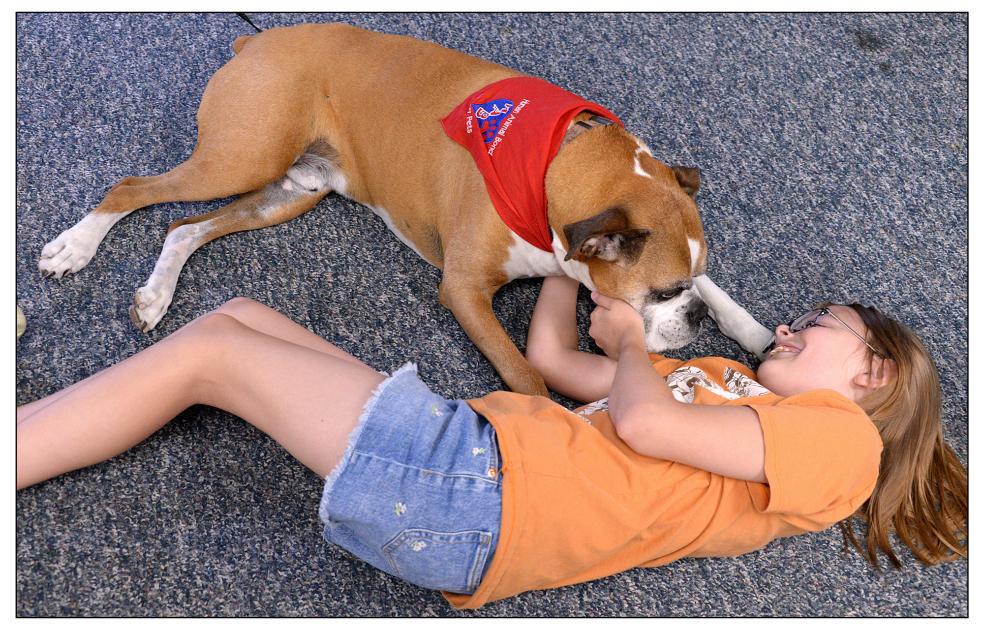
ACCESS THE CLINIC FROM THE EAST SIDE while the west side of the parking lot is being repaired.

■ Fort Leavenworth's Independence Day celebration is July 4 at Merritt Lake, with food and music at 6 p.m., the Salute to the Union at 8 p.m. and a fireworks display at dusk.



Human Animal Bond Therapy Pets Ft. Leavenworth, KS

HAB celebrates 30 years of pet therapy with open house



Ten-year-old Ali Brooks, daughter of Human Animal Bond member Joni Brooks, lies on the floor with Tyson, HAB member Tanja Edwards' boxer and HAB teammate, during the open house to celebrate HAB's 30th anniversary June 23 at the Leavenworth First United Methodist Church. The organization, comprised of handler and dog/cat/rabbit teams, visits hospitals, emergency services stations, nursing homes, schools, libraries, prisons and more to provide pet therapy.

RIGHT: Fort Leavenworth Human Animal Bond members and their HABcertified dogs socialize during the HAB 30th anniversary open house June 23 in Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church in Leavenworth. The reception-style gathering featured refreshments for humans and dogs, a slide show of images of members on visits and group photos from over the years, and brief remarks by event organizers. The event was attended by many of the current Human Animal Bond teams, as well as a few former Human Animal Bond members.

For more information about Human Animal Bond, including how to volunteer, visit https://www.ftleavenworthhab.com/.

Human Animal Bond was featured in the Lamp's ongoing Volunteer Organization Spotlight in the June 13, 2024, and June 20, 2024, issues of the Fort Leavenworth Lamp, which can be accessed at https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/about/news.

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Lansing native takes command of MAHC Medical Company

by Maria Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

A Munson Army Health Center Medical Company change of command earlier this month marked the return of a graduate from nearby Lansing High School and University of Saint Mary.

U.S. Army Capt. Andrew Ingalls assumed command of the Munson Army Health Center Medical Company, Buffalo Medics, from Capt. Seth Hemker during a ceremony June 14.

As the son of an active-duty soldier, Ingalls spent part of his childhood at Fort Leavenworth and in the surrounding community.

"My father retired out of Fort Leavenworth in 2004, and I graduated Lansing High in 2005," Ingalls said. He also attended elementary school on post.

Later, when he chose to pursue a career in health care, he was drawn to the Kansas City area again.

"I graduated from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas, with my bachelor of arts in Psychology in 2012, and then was the first group in the accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program at Saint Mary's, graduating in 2013," Ingalls said.

He worked as a nurse for eight years at two different Kansas City medical centers before he joined the Army as an Army Nurse Corps officer through the U.S. Army Recruiting Command's 5th Medical Recruiting Battalion, Overland Park, Kansas.

The Army Nurse Corps provides nursing staff in support of U.S. Army and Department of Defense medical plans. They are active-duty soldiers who have obtained a bachelor of science in nursing from an accredited college or university and maintain a license to practice nursing. They can serve in a variety of environments from military treatment facilities like MAHC and full-service medical centers to expeditionary units like field hospitals, forward surgical teams and aeromedical evacuation units.

Ingalls is a critical care nurse. Before MAHC, he served with the 528th Hospital Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, as part of a deployable surgical detachment.

The diversity of assignments, while supporting soldiers, retirees, and their family members, provides these soldiers the opportunity to "be all they can be." For Ingalls, that is part of the appeal of Army nursing.

"I knew I wanted to have the ability to work with soldiers and wake up feeling like I had the ability to impact our country and be part of the difference in someone's life," Ingalls said.

He said that he is excited for this opportunity at MAHC.

"I am strongly invested in this community. This is home. I went to elementary school on this installation, worked in this community and want nothing more than to give this community what it's given to me," Ingalls said. "I love Kansas and this area. I hope to be able to impact this organization in the way this area has impacted me."

At MAHC, he is responsible for the training, military readiness and professional development of the soldiers who serve at the health center.

Part of the Military Health System, Munson Army Health Center serves MHS beneficiaries at Fort Leavenworth and in the greater Kansas City area.



LEFT: Incoming Munson Army Health Center Medical Company Commander Capt. Andrew Ingalls accepts the colors from MAHC Commander Col. Michael Mendenhall during his change of command with outgoing MAHC Medical Company Commander Capt. Seth Hemker June 14 at Frontier Chapel. Ingalls atelementary tended school on Fort Leavenworth and graduated from Lansing High Lansing, School in Kansas.

BELOW: Incoming Munson Army Health Center Medical Company Commander Capt. Andrew Ingalls, MAHC Commander Col. Michael Mendenhall outgoing MAHC and Medical Company Commander Capt. Seth Hemker enter for the MAHC Medical Company change of command ceremony June 14 at Frontier Chapel. Part of the Military Health System, Munson Army Health Center serves the Fort Leavenworth community and the beneficiary population in the greater Kansas City area.

Photos By Maria C. Yager/ Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer



To learn more about health care career opportunities in the Army, visit https://www.goarmy.com/careers-andjobs/specialty-careers/medical.

To learn more about career opportunities at MAHC, visit USAJobs.gov and search keyword "Military Treatment Facilities under DHA," and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for location.

FFAM announces essay contest winners

by Friends of the Frontier Army Museum

The essay contest winners were awarded at the Friends of the Frontier Army Museum membership meeting in May.

First place and \$1,500 was awarded to Trinity Young. Second place and \$1,000 was awarded to Melanie Libby.

The essay prompt this year was "2024 marks the 220th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Write an essay on any member of the expedition focusing on their role and significant contribution." The essays were judged by a panel of four FFAM members.

Both Young and Libby wrote about Sacagawea. See page A4 to read their essays.

FFAM is planning a Frontier Army Games/Jazz Night at the Museum for the end of July, details to be determined. See future issues of the Fort Leavenworth Lamp and visit https://www.facebook.com/ftl eavenworthffam/ for updates.



FFAM essay winners (continued from Page A3)

1st-place essay: 'Sacagawea's role instrumental in Lewis, Clark expedition'

by Trinity Young, first-place FFAM essay contest winner

Sacagawea, a young Shoshone woman, accompanied Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's expedition from 1804 to 1806 as they traveled westward from the northern plains through the Rocky Mountains and to the Pacific Coast.

Before Sacagawea joined the expedition, the Corps of Discovery, a team of explorers, was made up of only men, making her the only woman on the journey. Sacagawea's role as a highly skilled gatherer, translator, peacekeeper, and guide on the Lewis and Clark Expedition made her an invaluable and respected asset.

According to Jay H. Buckley of Encyclopedia Britannica, Sacagawea was born circa 1788 at the Continental Divide, a continuous ridge of north-south mountain summits in western North America, at the present-day Idaho-Montana border. Sacagawea belonged to the Lemhi Shoshone, also known as Snake Indians. The name "Snake" comes from the tribe's distinctive trait of hiding away when discovered (Frontier Army Museum). In the Shoshone language, her name is spelled "Sacajawea" meaning "Bird Woman" and in Hidatsa, (pronounced and spelled with a hard g), Sacagawea translates to "Boat Launcher" (Buckley). Sakakawea was also a common spelling, however, Lewis and Clark's journals support the Hidatsa variation.

Lewis and Clark hired French-Canadian trapper Touissant Charbonneau as an interpreter after meeting him at Fort Mandan in North Dakota, hoping his pregnant Shoshone wife Sacagawea could help them communicate with any Shoshone they might encounter on the journey, according to History.Com Editors in an article on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. An article titled "Hiring of Charbonneau and Sacagawea" by the National Park Service describes the interpretation in detail. As language interpreters, Sacagawea and her husband acted as critical links in a chain of translation. Interestingly, neither Sacagawea nor Charbonneau spoke English; however, he spoke French with George Drouillard and other French and Métis boatmen in the Corps of Discovery. Sacagawea could not speak French but spoke Hidatsa with

Charbonneau. During meetings with the Shoshone people, Sacagawea translated from Shoshone to Hidatsa, then Charbonneau would translate from Hidasta to French for Drouillard, who would then translate to English for Lewis and Clark.

Without Sacagawea, there would have been no direct way for the Shoshone to interact with the expedition members.

During the expedition, Sacagawea took on multiple responsibilities. The National Park Service's article, "Sacagawea, The Ultimate Working Mother" elaborates on her role as a peacemaker. Sacagawea and her infant son, Jean Baptiste, whom she gave birth to during the journey, served as a "white flag" of peace. When the well-armed but undermanned Corps of Discovery entered potentially hostile territory, it was vital that they remained on good terms with the Native American tribes, who significantly outnumbered them. Luckily, no war party had ever been accompanied by a woman and an infant, so the response of the Native Americans was curiosity. The Corps' journals mention several peaceful encounters with tribal nations, where Sacagawea acted as a diplomatic translator, and no member of the party was lost due to hostility.

Despite possible difficulties that came with traveling with a newborn child during the trek, Sacagawea also proved to be continually helpful with maintaining rations. A highly skilled gatherer, she identified and collected edible berries, plants and roots for food and medicinal purposes (Frontier Army Museum).

A crisis with Charbonneau proved Sacagawea encompassed bravery and critical thinking, traits that earned praise and gratitude from Lewis and Clark. According to the National Women's History Museum, a sudden gust of wind in choppy river waters caused the boat to tip sideways and fill with water, frightening the steering Charbonneau. In an instant, Sacagawea calmly dove into the water and rescued valuable supplies, including instruments, gunpowder, books, medicines, and clothing. Without these essential supplies, the expedition party would have been in serious danger.

Sacagawea also miraculously discovered something of her own during the trip. Encountering a group of Shoshone Native Americans and translating with their leader, she soon realized the chief was her long-lost brother Cameahwait, whom she had not seen since her abduction years before, as stated by Evan Andrews in the History.com article titled "10 Little-Known Facts About the Lewis and Clark Expedition." Through this tearful and joyous reunion, the expedition was able to purchase horses to cross the Rocky Mountains (Biography.com Editors). Heartbreakingly, Sacagawea also learned (Frontier Army Museum).

According to the Sacagawea Historical Society, historians have given numerous assessments as to her role as a guide of the expedition. Her contribution to the Corps of Discovery is based on identifying landmarks she remembered from her childhood and suggesting routes that were familiar to her near Shoshone lands. Before they arrived at the Shoshone nation, Lewis made three journal entries mentioning familiar landmarks that Sacagawea remembered from her childhood. There are no other journal entries stating Sacagawea's familiarity with another area. The rest of the regions were unfamiliar to her as they were to the rest of the expedition.

In one of those three journal entries, August 8, 1805, Lewis wrote that Sacagawea successfully recognized Beaver Head Rock as a landmark of the area where she was kidnapped as a child. After Sacagawea recognized the Beaver Head Rock, Lewis, with two other explorers, set out by land to find the Shoshones while Clark continued down the river with the rest of the group. Lewis found the Shoshones three days after their departure. Clark and the rest of the expedition arrived one week after Lewis. Soon Sacagawea discovered that the chief was her brother Cameahwait. After they reached the Pacific Ocean, and on the way back Clark wrote the following entry in his journal dated July 13, 1806:

"The indian woman who has been of great Service to me as a pilot through this Country recommends a gap in the mountain more South which I shall cross."

This entry by Clark shows that Sacagawea proved to be an asset to the expedition and that he trusted her recommendation.

Sacagawea continued traveling with the Corps of Discovery and reached the Pacific Ocean. During this time, they needed to establish where they would hold their winter quarters. According to Clark's journal, Sacagawea contributed to this decision. This served as a sign of respect from the male crew members for her knowledge of the land and role as a guide. With Sacagawea's input, they decided to build Fort Clatsop near the Columbia River, staying there until spring (Teresa Potter and Mariana Brandman).

On the return journey, the Corps of Discovery was divided into two groups. One group was led by Lewis and the other by Clark. Traveling with Clark, Sacagawea conthat except for one older brother and a tinued her role as a guide by recommending nephew, the rest of her family was deceased a route back through the Rocky Mountains,

which is known today as the Bozeman Pass, and south of the Yellowstone River. Along the way, she continued to mark landmarks (Potter and Brandman).

Sacagawea is one of the most famous figures in the Lewis and Clark expedition because of her significant and instrumental role in the expedition. As a translator, she was able to negotiate with tribes and obtain horses. As a gatherer, she collected many plants for food and medicines, which was especially essential during the winter months. As a brave woman, she was able to save valuable supplies from a river. Even though Charbonneau was the only spouse paid for his work, Clark wrote that Sacagawea "deserved a greater reward for her attention and services on that route than we had in our power to give her" (Frontier Army Museum). Sacagawea serves as a symbol of selflessness, motherhood, and courage.

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2nd-place essay: 'Sacagawea and Her Impact'

by Melanie Libby, second-place FFAM essay contest winner

The Lewis and Clark expedition has played one of the largest roles in American history, paving the way for settlers during times of dangerous western expansion.

After the Louisiana Purchase, President Thomas Jefferson commissioned Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to venture into the unexplored territory of the Louisiana Purchase (Kastor). Although Lewis and Clark are given the most credit for this historical expedition, they would've been unsuccessful in their trip had they not created a team of 33 members to travel with them, known as the Corps of Northwestern Discovery (Kastor).

The Corps of Discovery traveled with goals of establishing trade routes before people settled in the west and befriending Native American tribes to form peace across the land, as well as the famous ultimate goal of finding a water source that could potentially be used to travel back to Europe, known as the Northwest Passage (U.S. Department of Interior). Although they may have been successful in finding the passage by themselves, they would not have achieved their goals of making connections and establishing peace with Native Americans had it not been for one critical member of their team: Sacagewea. At just the age of 16, Sacagawea became the youngest member of the Corps of Northwestern Discovery ("Hiring of Charbonneau and Sacagawea"), and much of what historians have learned about her has been learned from Lewis and Clark's journals they kept on the journey (Fort Leavenworth Frontier Army Museum). While Sacagawea was initially invited on the journey in 1805 because she was married to Toussaint Charbonneau, who was selected to join the expedition as an interpreter (Dawley), she quickly became one of the most crucial, and arguably famous, members of the expedition due to her work in both interpretation with Native American tribes and serving as a symbol of peace in dangerous environments. The unexplored west was filled with both unfamiliar plants that the Corps needed to research, as well as several Native tribes, some of which were hostile.

When Sacagawea was 11 years old she was kidnapped from her home tribe in Idaho, the Lemhi Shoshone, and brought into the Hidatsa and Mandan tribes ("People - Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail"). While this event proved to be nothing but unfortunate, it did set her up to be successful in the Corps of Northwestern Discovery expedition. By being raised within two separate tribes across the country, Sacagawea became more fluent in several tribal languages and means of communication, as well as became more familiar with the western landscape.

One of Sacagawea's most well known contributions to the historical expedition was her ability to break a language barrier between Native Americans and leaders Lewis and Clark, despite Sacagawea's inability to speak English or French with the other members of the Corps of Northwestern Discovery. In order to effectively create conversations between Native Americans and the settlers, Sacagawea would translate Native languages to her husband using Hidatsa, who then translated it to the rest of the expeditioners using French ("Hiring of Charbonneau and Sacagawea"). Through her translations in the train of communication that was created, Sacagawea helped the Corps of Northwestern Discovery trade for several goods and traveling essentials, such as horses to venture through the Rocky Mountains (Dawley). Using her skill of translation and knowledge of the tribes being interacted with, the expedition was able to make smart and effective trades with different Native groups who valued different resources and managed tribe operations differently from group to group. The translation train also allowed Sacagawea to share information about the terrain and natural environment that the Corps journeyed through. While Native tribes knew a great deal about the nearby natural resources and how to navigate the land in a quick and safe fashion, the journeying settlers had to rely on Sacagawea to help them better understand the landscape.

While her translation skills for the Corps of Northwestern Discovery are more widely recognized and taught, her significance on the expedition goes beyond that. At the time, Native Americans had only experienced hostility and aggression from traveling parties made entirely of men. Lewis and Clark recognized this, and ensured that Sacagawea and her newborn infant, Jean Baptiste, were at the front of the group for the journey ("Sacagawea, The Ultimate Working Mother"). Native tribes across the west viewed women and children as a symbol of peace, and therefore greeted the Corps with intentions of curiosity and acceptance, rather than being territorial of the land and aggressive to the Corps ("Sacagawea, The Ultimate Working Mother"). Her peaceful presence and diplomatic nature allowed the expeditioners to build friendly relationships as they journeyed, and even ensure that no members of the party were killed in moments that could have been hostile without her ("Sacagawea, The Ultimate Working Mother").

Finally, Sacagawea proved her grit time and time again while traveling with the men. She spent the journey both caring for her infant son and protecting the traveling men from harms that may befall them through Native tribes and alien plants. In one of her more notable experiences on the expedition, she gathered important materials, such as books, medicine, and equipment for navigation, from a sinking boat (Fort Leavenworth Frontier Army Museum). She was the first person on the journey to act and save the materials from the boat, and she did so with Jean Baptiste strapped across her back. Sacagawea also faced adversity on the trip, including the revelation that all but two members of her family had passed away after she was taken from the Shoshone tribe (Fort Leavenworth Frontier

Army Museum). While this news undoubtedly broke her heart, and impacted the journey enough to be written down in some of the Corps diaries, Sacagawea continued to push through the journey and didn't let it impact her from doing her job.

Overall, Sacagawea is one of the most important, influential and impactful members of the Corps of Northwestern Discovery travelers. She helped communicate between Native tribes and Lewis and Clark for trade deals, she shared information about the plants and animals the group encountered, she became a symbol of peace as they entered uncharted lands, and she allowed all of her actions to be motivated by the good of the group, all while raising a newborn child. Without her efforts, the group arguably wouldn't have been as successful. Her impact continues to inspire others to persevere in the face of adversity and act for the good of others continuously.

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Kansas Turnpike goes cashless July 1

by Kansas Turnpike Authority Press Release

WICHITA, Kan.— Kansas Turnpike Authority CEO Steve Hewitt announced in April the Kansas Turnpike will implement cashless tolling beginmunities along the turnpike and partners and stakeholders throughout the region

ers throughout the region. "This is the largest change for turnpike customers since opening day in 1956," Hewitt said. "We are excited to improve safety while also enhancing the or by license plate registration information. DriveKS will be Kansas' new toll payment system, whether a customer has a KTAG or is identified by their license plate. Statements and customer communication will come from DriveKS. or a compatible transponder from another state, not much will change."

In KTA's most recent customer satisfaction survey, 95 percent believe KTA is an important part of Kansas transportation and 84 percent support the conKTA announced its decision to convert to cashless tolling in early 2020. In reality, the organization has been working on elements necessary to convert its 236mile toll road to cashless tolling for nearly a decade.

A 2014 review of manual

creased from less than 45 percent in 2013 to nearly 70 percent of traffic today. This is due to increased use of KTAG and compatibility agreements with Oklahoma, Texas and Florida.

KTA's existing toll collection equipment was reach-

ning July 1.

Hewitt also announced the release of a virtual Go! Cashless toolkit, available to customers at www.DriveKS.com. Available materials include short videos, FAQs, newsletter/article copy, flyers, posters and more. Printed material is also being provided to comcustomer experience and modernizing our operations."

Cashless tolling means there will no longer be onroad toll collection and all customers will keep moving starting July 1. Customers will be identified by a transponder such as KTAG "Cashless tolling is something our customers experience in other states, and we're proud to bring it here to Kansas," Bruce Meisch, director of technology and the cashless conversion project manager, said. "For the 70 percent of customers who use KTAG version to cashless tolling.

Customers who currently pay at a toll booth can get a KTAG to pay the lowest toll. In January, KTA released its per-mile toll rate structure effective July 1, which will be the lowest of any cashless system across the country.

toll collection staff revealed that nearly 70 percent would be of retirement age within the following decade. As part of the conversion, KTA created a workforce transition plan for employees impacted by cashless tolling.

Electronic tolling has in-

ing the end of its useful life. It is being replaced by roadside tolling equipment on 42 new overhead gantries along the roadway. This equipment connects to a customized back-office system, providing better customer service and increased efficiency.



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Army Heritage Month (continued from Page A1)

grew up in the country or city; who remembered pay phones and dial-up internet; who were first-generation Americans; who were veterans of Urgent Fury (1983 invasion of Grenada), Operation Just Cause (1989-90 invasion of Panama) and of other more recent operations; among other demographic- and experience-related questions.

"As I saw those hands go up, there is a lot of diversity in this room — diversity of background, diversity of experience, diversity of thought," Brewington said.

He said the sort of questions he asked can help people think about where they are in their lives, who they are and why that matters.

"We talked about where we came from, we talked about who we were, who we are leading up to our time in service to some of the things we've done in service to our country, but who are we?" Brewington asked. "We are members of the Army profession. We have chosen to serve something larger than ourselves, and if necessary, to lay down our lives in that service."

Brewington said that service to the nation is Army professionals' highest priority, and the foundation of the Army's relationship with the American people is trust.

"Our professional responsibility, members of the Army profession, is to protect that trust — to protect it, to preserve it, to earn it every day in what we do."

He said mutual trust within the profession, and as families, builds cohesive teams.

"It's necessary for the Army to have that (trust) to be able to fulfill its strategic role and discharge its responsibility to the nation," he said.

Brewington described Army professionals as honorable servants, Army experts and stewards of the profession.



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Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Army Heritage Month Observance and Diversity Fair speaker Howard Brewington, deputy director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence, asks the audience questions about their upbringing and experiences during his remarks at the observance June 25 at the Frontier Conference Center.

American society... Today the U.S. Army soldiers continue to forge the camaraderie of trust through stewardship of the profession, training and the Army value of respect," Corcoran said as she began her remarks.

"Throughout history, the American military forged the beginnings of respect for marginalized demographics," she reiterated toward the end of her remarks. "In most cases the U.S. military upheld a higher code of ethics and morality that paved equality for the rest of American society, yet awareness of previous transgressions toward each other provides context to any diverse organization."

Through the reading of her paper, Corcoran painted a picture of human rights evolution through the years, and said the military, like all organizations, still has room to improve.

"To create further change, we must understand the problem. The first step toward understanding is knowledge, through history, and it will allow us to evaluate programs within our organizations to create positive change." Corcoran cited examples to illustrate the U.S. military's racial and gender equality failings and progress through several generations. These evolutions have meant policy changes and more equal treatment and opportunities for African Americans and women, and greater acceptance and understanding of differing sexual orientation and gender identity. Corcoran pointed out areas that are still lacking, such as providing necessary health care and other support for transgender service members. Corcoran serves as the vice president of SPARTA Pride, an organization that provides support and advocacy for transgender service members and veterans. According to Corcoran's biography on the SPARTA Pride website, "policy changes forced her to begin transition during an inopportune time in her life as a ban on trans-inclusive service was enacted in March of 2018. She was able to be exempt of this policy within days before the ban began and spent the next several years continuing her fight for Army soldiers and all transgender service members. She continues to mentor junior female officers in maneuver branches, advocate for transgender service



Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Army Heritage Month Observance and Diversity Fair speaker Maj. Kara Corcoran, School of Advanced Military Studies student, recounts the history of equality in the military during her remarks June 25 at the FCC.



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Thirteen-year-old Mya Huewitt and 15-year-old Jordan Dulaney, event greeters, sample foods such as Nigerian fried rice, tres leches and pani popo during the Army Heritage Month Observance and Diversity Fair June 25 at the Frontier Conference Center.



Arthur McClendon Jr., right, cashier and customer service representative Envision at Xpress, performs the national anthem as event narrator Staff Sgt. Abigael Santos, Medical Department Activity, covers her heart, before speakers' remarks at the **Combined Arms Center** and Fort Leavenworth Army Heritage Month **Observance and Diver**sity Fair June 25 at the Frontier Conference Center.

"What you do every day for our country matters, so thank you for what you do."

Brewington said walking through the observance month displays in the ballroom offered the opportunity to pause and reflect on diversity, but also what we in common.

"We take time to pause and highlight and honor our diversity, spend some time thinking about, talking about, reflecting on the things that make us different, and we highlighted some of those this morning. But what do we do the rest of the time? The rest of the time we focus on the things that make us the same - our profession, our ethic, our values, our Army culture," he said. "There's none like it in the world, and, man, I just wake up every day thankful that I have the privilege to one, serve the country, and to number two, work with great Army professionals, members of the Army profession, that I get to work with every day."

Speaker Maj. Kara Corcoran, School of Advanced Military Studies student, read from a paper she wrote, "U.S. Military Forges Equality and Respect," to share lessons to be learned from the past.

"The U.S. military historically forged the way for equality in the crucible of combat, creating stronger bonds in the furnace of members, and continues to support soldiers, providers and commanders with advice in the transition process."

Corcoran said she has supported more than 200 transitioning soldiers as they have navigated the waver and policy changes.

"Today an estimated 15,000 transgender service members are across the entire U.S. military," she said, noting that many transgender, gay and lesbian service members are still afraid to come out.

She told the audience to revisit empathy.

"If things in question are deeply repulsive by one's sensibilities to one's own beliefs or desires, then we have a feeling that is troubling and it is harder to empathize and understand another person's experience because there is no baseline for underlying empathy."

Corcoran said the Combined Arms Center embodies the 2024 Pride Month theme, "Pride in All Who Serve/A Place For All," and said she was grateful for the chance to speak.

"As leaders of an organization look back on history and craft a more productive future, just as the Army continues to align its stated values with policies, continually reassess your equality programs, allow our institutions to come together in achieving America's vision of liberty and justice for all, and never forget our oath to the U.S. Constitution."

She said equality training programs often don't include any of the associated history.

"To increase effectiveness, we must embody humility by accepting this history and understanding it is part of our heritage as an Army, that these demographics were fought alongside everyone, and we ... came together, so we have to better understand our heritage on (Army) Heritage Day."

Corcoran said military leaders can help foster positive change through example.

"The nation was founded on the ideal that we are all created equal. In the Army, each is judged by the content of their character. Army leadership could consistently foster a climate that treats everybody with dignity and respect, regardless of their ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, creed or religious beliefs. Fostering a positive climate begins with the leaders' personal example — leaders treat others, including adversaries, with respect."

Corcoran said diversity is the nation's strength.

"When we come together for a common purpose, in the face of an ever-increasing hostile global operating environment, it is our heritage that we all stand ready to fight, and if need be, die in defense of the cherished institutions of America," she said.

Prior to the speakers,

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Arthur McClendon Jr., cashier and customer service representative at Envision Xpress, performed the national anthem.

The diversity fair portion of the observance featured a performance by Mexican folkloric dance group Itsi Asuli and informational tables on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January), Black History Month (February), Women's History Month (March), Days of Remembrance (April 24 to May 1 to honor and remember victims and liberators of the Holocaust), Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May), Pride Month (June), Juneteenth (June 19), Women's Equality Day (Aug. 26, celebrating the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote), National Hispanic Heritage Month (mid-September to mid-October), National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October), and National American Indian Heritage Month (November).

Summer reading program kicks off at CARL

by Pfc. Kalisber Ortega-Santiago/Special to the Fort Leavenworth Lamp

The Ike Skelton Combined Arms Research Library launched its summer reading program with a kick-off event June 12. Children of all ages participated in activities such as learning about museum artifacts, listening to stories, making parachute toy crafts, and engaging in a scavenger hunt.

The 2024 summer reading program theme is "Read, Renew, and Repeat!" and runs from through Aug. 5. It aims to combat "summer slide," a phenomenon when students lose up to two months of learning during the summer break.

"It's proven that the more you read during the summer, the more you retain your studies because you're keeping your brain going," said Sierra Hochstatter, CARL circulation librarian and event host. "We want to bridge the summer gap of school with a fun activity that improves their learning."

Program participants can sign up and log reading time on Beanstack at https://carl.beanstack.org/. Challenges are offered for different age groups: toddlers (0-3), children (4-9), teens (10-17), and adults (18 and older). Beanstack also allows users to connect with friends, share friend codes, see what others are reading, and discuss books. No specific books are required for the program, and each challenge consists of 10 badges that serve as reading goals. Toddlers can earn one badge by reading for one hour, children need to read for two hours to earn a badge, and teens and adults need to read for three hours to earn a badge.

"Reading comes in many forms. We'd like to encourage everyone to count every type of reading possible," Hochstatter said. "Whether it's a book, a legal document, or the back of a cereal box, you can log it on Beanstack."

Children earn prizes at the library by logging their reading time and earning badges.

"We can see what they've earned on Beanstack, check off that they've earned their prize, and pass it over to them," said Hochstatter.

Prizes vary for different age groups and include stickers, toys, items made from recycled materials, and gift cards funded by Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

Special guest retired Chaplain (Col.)

David Beauchamp read "The Peppered Sky," written by his daughter, Sarah Doran. Three children won signed copies of the rhyming book about military family members watching paratroopers land at a drop zone.

Children and parents also participated in creative activities at the library, crafting parachute toys and releasing them from the second-floor balcony. Following this activity, they embarked on a scavenger hunt to help participants explore and find captivating books throughout the library.

"Reading is fun already, but engaging in creative activities can make it even more exciting," said Hochstatter said. "The goal is to encourage as much reading as possible during the summer and familiarize participants with our library facilities."

Rachel Brunhoeber, mom to 7-year-old Simon, said the enjoy taking part in the program and using the Beanstack application because it's easy and fast.

"Simon looks forward to it every year. He loves to read," she said, with Simon mentioning how he likes the Dogman graphic novels by Dav Pilkey.

Lt. Col. Nathan Moore, an instructor at the Command and General Staff College, and his wife, Paula Moore, said they like to support the library's initiatives and said that their children are motivated by getting prizes. Their 4-year-old son Miles said he enjoys Jory John's "The Food Group" series that includes "The Bad Seed," "The Good Egg," and "The Cool Bean."

Capt. John Polczyncki, an incoming Command and General Staff Officer Course student, praised the program for fostering his children's passion for reading.

"I think it's important for them to have a passion for reading as young as possible because that will be a tool. I think it will be useful for the rest of their life," he said. "Reading empowers them to do pretty much anything they want in the future."

He said his daughters enjoy the "Dragon Girls" series by Maddy Mara and the "Magic Treehouse" series by Mary Pope Osborne.

CARL offers more than just reading, to include a puppet theater in the library's children's room that allows children to create their own stories.

For more information on the summer reading program, visit https:// carlcgsc.libguides.com/Home/SRP24 or call 913-758-3001.

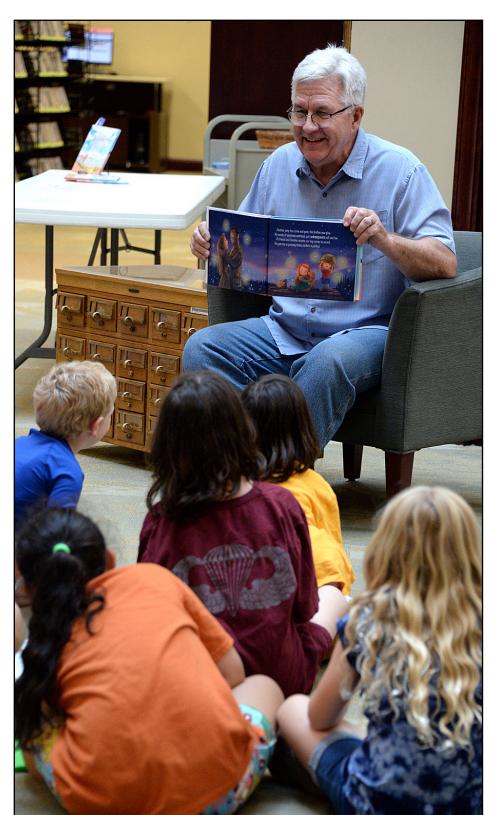


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Retired Chaplain (Col.) David Beauchamp reads "The Peppered Sky," a story written by his daughter, Army veteran Sarah Doran, about military families watching paratroopers descend on a drop zone, during the summer reading program kickoff event June 12 at the Combined Arms Research Library. After the book reading, Debbie Beauchamp shared some stories with the assembled children about what it was like for their children, including Sarah when she was about 7 years old, to watch their father jump from a plane when they were stationed at Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty), North Carolina.



Yates, 21-month-old Marshall, 5-year-old Lilli Beth and Maj. Max Yates, recent Command and General Staff Officer Course graduate, some World War II-era aviation artifacts from the Frontier Army Museum during the summer reading program kick-off event June 12 at the Combined Arms Research Library.

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Library Technician Carlisha Brown helps children with their paratrooper craft — a plastic paratrooper attached to a coffee filter parachute — during the summer reading program kick-off event June 12 at the Combined Arms Research Library. Children colored the parachute, then launched them from the balcony. The craft is included in the book "The Peppered Sky," which was read aloud during the event.

Five-year-old Madeline Voth and 8-year-old **Cheyenne Graves** plastic launch paratroopers suspended by coffee filter parachutes from the balcony during the summer reading prokick-off gram event June 12 at Combined the Arms Research Library. Visit https://carl.bean stack.org/reader 365 to sign up for the summer reading program.

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As part of the Arms Combined **Research Library's** summer reading program, children can participate in a scavenger hunt throughout the library, a clue for which is seen here with summer reading program mascot "Bruce" in the prize display case at CARL. For more information on the program, including prizes, visit https: //carlcgsc.libguid es.com/Home/SR P24.

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SJA provides claims information for severe weather damage

by Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The severe weather occurring in the Fort Leavenworth area frequently causes damage to personal property.

Before 2019, the U.S. Army Claims Service policy allowed for payment of claims under the provisions of the Personnel Claims Act for weather-related damage to personal property owned by soldiers and for Department of the Army civilians while at their place of duty.

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surance policy will cover weather-related damages. This type of insurance will also cover other non-motor vehicle damages, such as vandalism or hitting an animal.

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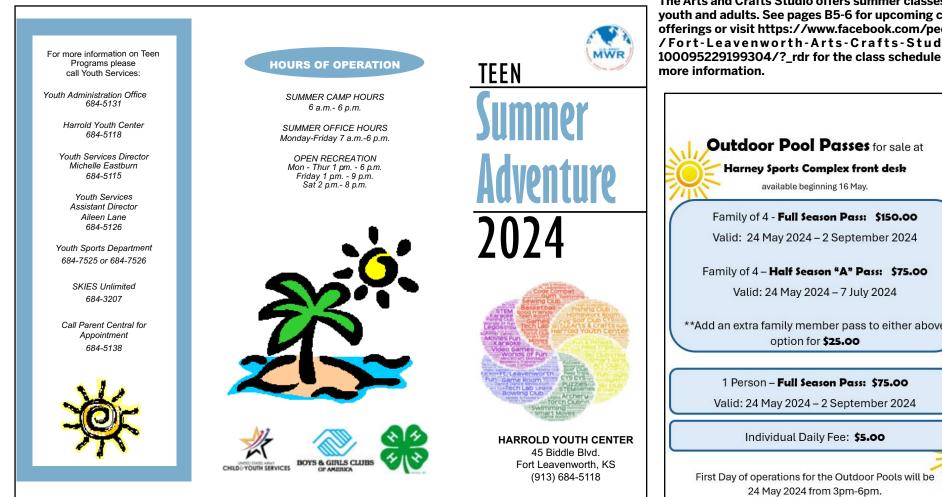


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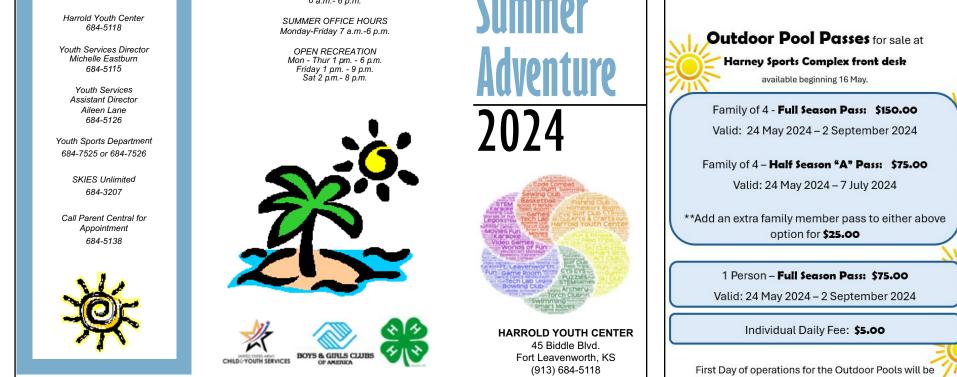


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Session 2 - Mission Impossible June 3 - 7 Escape Room and Go Apes

Session 3 - Animal Safari

June 10 - 14 Zoo and Cedar Cove

Session 4 - Food Frenzy June 17 - 21 (NO camp June 19 & 21) Chopped Challenge

Session 5 - Water World June 24 - 28 Lake Trips and Water Park

Session 6 - Futuristic Fun (NO camp 4th of July) Rush and Amazing Race

Session 7 - To the Extreme July 8 - 12 (NO camp July 12) I Fly and Ice Skating

Session 8 - Sports Spectacular July 15 - 19 Monarche Game

Session 9 - Wild and Crazy July 22 - 26 Trampoline Park and Laser Tag

Session 10 - Blast from the Past July 29 - August 2 Shatto Milk and Lake Tour

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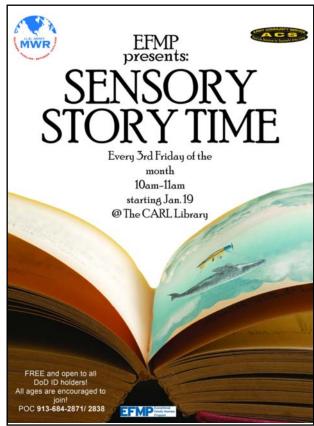
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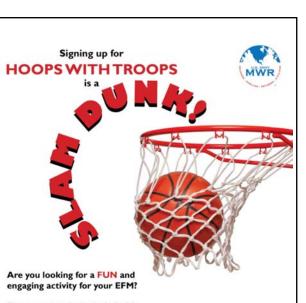
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One hour a week for 4 weeks!

Thursdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm Harney Sports Complex August 29 - September 19

Volunteer Registration must be completed by August 22 (Volunteers under age 18 need parental permission and signed consent)

To register or get more info please call 913-684-2838 or 913-684-2871 BOSS Soldiers contact your BOSS program coordinator

ACS



210 McPherson Ave BLDG 464, Fort Leavenworth 913-681-2380 Business Hours Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri @ 10a-





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

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FUN & RELAXATION

Explore new hobbies in your free time with on-post events & recreation activities in the Digital Garrison App!



May, June & July **Kids Arts & Crafts**

Messy Art

\$12 per class

Ages 4 - 6

Friday May 10 10:30am - 11:30am 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Tuesday June 11 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Friday June 14 10:30am - 11:30am

Tuesday July 9 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Friday July 12 10:30am - 11:30am

Ages 7+

Thursday May 16 11am - 12pm

Thursday June 20 11am - 12pm

Thursday July 18 11am - 12pm



\$10 per class

Parent & Toddlers

Thursday May 9 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday May 30 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday June 13 10:30am - 11:30am

Thusday June 27 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday July 11 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday July 25 10:30am - 11:30am



scan for more info

Call now to register! 913-684-3373



Summer Studio Days \$15 per class

Kids Ages 6-11 **Tuesday - Friday** July 30 - August 2 10:30am - 11:30am

Youth Ages 12+ **Tuesday - Friday** July 30 - August 2 1pm - 3pm

Need to beat the summer heat? Come to the Studio!

Kids Arts & Crafts

Crafts

\$20 per craft

Mother's Day Gift Flower Pots & Cards Friday May 3 2:30pm - 4pm

Father's Day Gift Mosaic Coaster & Card Wednesday June 5 10:30am - 12pm





Cost includes all supplies!

Art History

\$15 per class (ages 7+)

Rice Krispies & Rembrandt Wednesday May 15 12:30pm - 2:30pm Thursday May 16 4pm - 6pm

Rocket Pops & Ross Tuesday June 18 11am - 1pm Wednesday June 19 1pm - 3pm

Cookies & Carle Tuesday July 16 11am - 1pm Wednesday July 17 1pm - 3pm

Come see what's new at the Studio!

leavenworth.armymwr.com

May, June & July

Watercolor

Workshops

\$25 per workshop

Watercolor (Basic Techniques) Thursday, May 16 Tuesday, July 9 6:30pm - 8pm

Watercolor (Florals) Thursday May 30

Watercolor by the Lake (plein-air) Thursday June 20 9am -10:30am

Cost includes all supplies!



OPEN STUDIO

Hours 10am - 5pm T - F

ModernCalligraphy=

Basics

\$20 per class

Tuesday April 30 12:30pm -1pm

Wednesday July 10 10:30am - 12pm

Special Projects

Intermediate

MWF

\$20 per class

Tuesday May 7 12:30 - 2pm

Wednesday July 17 10:30am - 12pm



Color Me Happy

May, June & July Workshops

Acrylic

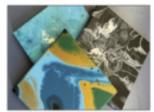
\$35 per class

Acrylic Painting (Fawn) Tuesday May 14 6pm - 8pm

Acrylic Pour Wednesdays May 22 June 26 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Acrylic Painting (Water Lilies in Pond) Friday July 19 10:30am - 12:30pm

Acrylic Pour Tuesday July 23 1pm - 3pm



Call now to register! 913-684-3373



Crafts

Wooden Welcome Sign Friday July 26 11:30am - 1:30pm

Patriotic Wooden Panel Tuesday June 4 12:30am - 2:30pm





scan for more info





before using DIY Framing Studio.

Cost includes all supplies!

Event Schedule

CALL ACS TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES TODAY! ALL

Employment Readiness Program

Federal Employment June 5, 12:00pm - 2:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Come see what's new at the Studio!

Resume Writing June 19, 12:00pm - 2:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Army Volunteer Corps

Volunteer Basics June 26, 12:00pm - 1:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Exceptional Family Member Program

EFMP Recreational Bowling for EFMP Members and their Families June 1, 12:00pm - 2:00pm Strike Zone Bowling Center

New Parent Support Program

June 2024

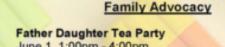
Stroller Walk Tuesdays, 10:00am - 11:00am

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

Breastfeeding Class June 3, 5:00pm - 7:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Newborn Care Class June 10, 5:00pm - 7:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Dad's Night Out June 12, 6:00pm - 8:00pm Restaurant is TBD



June 1, 1:00pm - 4:00pm Frontier Conference Center Ballroom

Santa Son Seavenber Hunt Hunt Lodge

Workshop & Workout June 8, 11:00am - 12:30pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Anger Management June 13, 11:30am -1:00pm, Resiliency Center, Room 145

Navigating the Teen Years June 18, 1:00pm - 2:30pm Resiliency Center, Room 145

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July 12 6pm - 8pm

Potty Training Class June 17, 5:00pm - 7:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Mom's Night Out June 26, 6:00pm - 8:00pm Restaurant is TBD

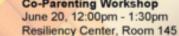
Relocation Readiness

In-Processing Brief Tuesdays, 9:00am - 10:00am Thursdays, 1:00pm-2:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

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

Handicap access at the

front of Building 198



Personal Financial Counseling

Curious About Crypto June 11, 11:45am - 1:00pm **Resiliency Center**

Financial Planning: Building Your Own Plan June 25, 11:45am - 1:00pm **Resiliency Center**

EFMP Refreshing Conversations June 6, 10:00am -11:00am, **Resiliency Center**

Playground Palooza June 11, 9:00am - 10:00am EFMP Playground

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Survivor Outreach Services

Gold Star & Survivor Families Fishing Social June 1, 9:00am-12:00pm Merritt Lake

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

ACS PRESENTS:

LUNCH & LEARN MILITARY MONEY

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY ACS CONFERENCE ROOM 11:45 - 1:00

June 11 **Curious About Crypto**

June 25 **Financial Planning: Build Your Own Plan**



with our Personal Financial Counselor (816-500-3163)



LUNCH & WE'LL LEARN **TOGETHER!** (SPOUSES WELCOME)



Financial Readiness Milestone Training

Are you financially prepared for what life throws your way? Let us help! We offer free Financial Readiness Training on a variety of subjects.

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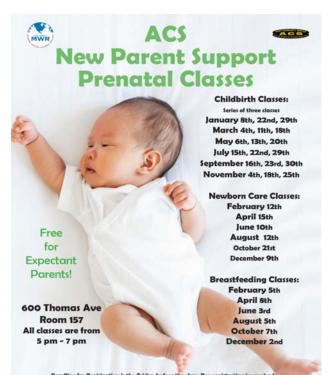
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Held monthly every 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 0900am - 1100am. Bldg 198 Room 157

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INFO: 913 - 684 - 2852 / 280

FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP



Contact 913-297-3212



This NEW event is offered by ACS New Parent Support Program for Moms of young children to be able to get out of the house without the kids and meet other Moms at a restaurant. The focus of this event is to improve social connections and to learn about different parts of the town.

Jan 31 • Feb 28 • March 27 • April 24 May 29 • June 26 • July 31 • Aug 28 Sept 25 • Oct 30 • Nov 20 • Dec 11

Time: 6PM • Restaurants TBD

Childcare, food, and drinks are not provided.

For Moms with children 0-3 years old Info: (913) 297-3212 or (913) 684-2800







DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Contact 913-297-3212

Dad's Night Out is offered by ACS New Parent Support Program for Dads of children 0-3 years of age to get out of the house without the kids and meet at a restaurant. The focus of this event is to improve

social connections and get to learn different parts of town

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Jan 24• Feb 21 • March 20 • April 17 May 22 • June 12 • July 24 • Aug 21 Sept 18• Oct 23 • Nov 13 • Dec 4

> Time: 6PM • Restaurants TBD Childcare, food, and drinks are

> > not provided.

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For Dads with children 0-3 years old. For more info: (913) 297-3212 or (913) 684-2800



 Freetoddler play group. • Open to ages 2-3 years old with adult.

 Offers an introduction to preschool routines, explores educational concepts, and builds social skills through hands on experiences and activities.

Wednesdays @

9:00am Located at the Army Community Service Resiliency Center 600 Thomas Ave. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Registration required call or text 913-297-3212 or 913-297-9704



ACS Family Advocacy New Parent Support Program



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Morning Thursdays from 9-11:00 a.m.

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Ages 3 months - 3 years with Guardian • Resiliency Center

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Free play group for ages 3 months - 3 years and their parents/guardians

Enjoy a large play area with interactive activities, toys and crafts to develop gross and fine motor skills. Play with other kids, meet other parents and learn about healthy childhood development.

inity Service | Resiliency Center | 600 Thomas Ave. | Fort Leavenworth, Kansas d, cut off is day before event (913) 297-3212 or (913) 684-2800 ACID f





STRESS MANAGEMENT

Thursdays; Jan 18, Mar 14, May 16, July 18 1130 - 1300 brown bag lunch class. ACS Conference Room 145 Registration Required must register by before the class you want to attend. Classes are for 18 and over

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ACS Family Advocacy New Parents Support Program Presents



Free Open to ages 3 months - 3 years old with adult.

Join us for storytime to use our imagination and develop a love of books

Storytime fosters early literacy skills, language development, and social growth.

Every Wednesday@ 10:00 am

Located at the Army Community Service Resiliency Center 600 Thomas Ave. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas **Registration required call or text**

913-297-3212 or 913-297-9704

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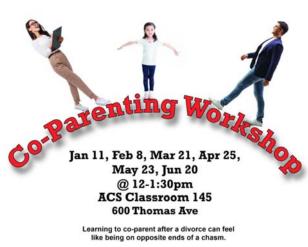
-- PCS'ing --We pick up & find homes for

Pantry/food items

cleaning supplies toiletry items

To homeless shelter, food pantries, needy families

Pam Meier: 913-306-5108



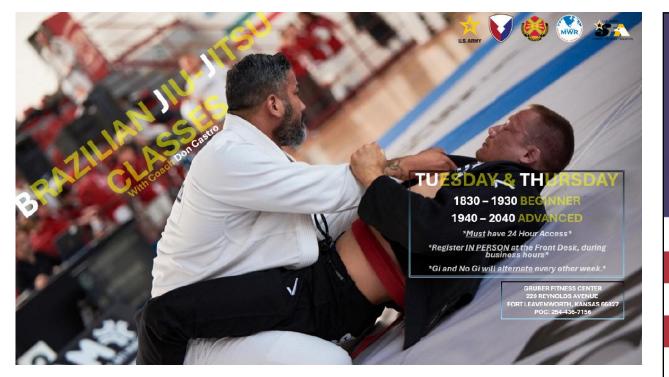
Our six week workshop will show you how to Our six week workshop will show you how to build a bridge that will enhance parenting skills, enrich positive co-parenting, learn to use positive discipline, and develop a joint plan for managing expectations about your children's growth, development, and behavio

FREE and open to all DoD ID holders 18+ Register by calling **913-684-2822/ 2808** Deadline to register is day before class. Its are encouraged to attend every class as each sessi will be different.









Kids 18 & under will receive TWO **FREE Games!**

Strike Zone Bowling Center Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Promotion runs from May 22 - August 10

Fone **Contact the Strike Zone** for more information on how to sign up! 913-651-2195

Starting Monday April 15th, 2024

Fort Leavenworth Group Fitness Classes

GRUBER FITNESS CENTER-200 Reynolds Ave. - 684-5120 Mon-Fri: 0500-1800, Sat and Sun: 0800-1700

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0530			Spin (Karyn)			
0930	Zumba (Lydia)		Zumba (Lydia)			(0915) Zumba (Lydia)
1030						Hot Yoga (Kim)
1630	30/30 Split (Kim)		Power Cycling (Kim)			



FUN SHOOT

Brunner Range 1st Saturday of the Month

Jan 6 - Dec 7 2024

Registration is required and can be done the day of the event from 9AM-10:30AM.

Space is limited so register early

Rental guns and shells are available or bring your own

Prizes and awards distributed at the end of each shoot.

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 r prizes at the

HARNEY SPORTS COMPLEX - 185 Fourth St. - 684-2190 Mon-Fri: 0500-1800, Sat and Sun: 0800-1700

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0800						
1630		*Power Cut (Kim)		*Power Cut (Kim)		

*Power Cut classes are held in the Bubble Gym







https://leavenworth.armymwr.com





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 individual with the same fee but no food. shooting con



Contact Brunner Range for more information (913) 651-8132

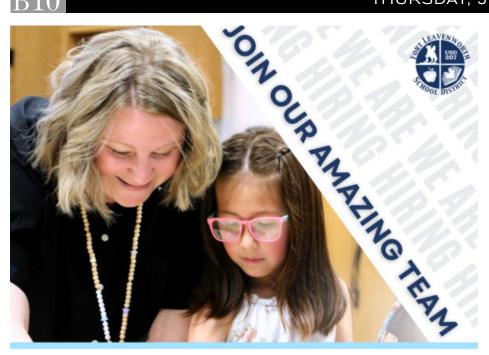


Learn proper Olympic Lifting technique and how to safely resistance train. Programming is designed to increase Muscle Mass, Strength, and Power. Resistance training has been shown to increase bone density, metabolic rate, cognition, reduce fat accumulation, lower risk of heart disease, and so much more. Start enjoying the benefits!

CLASSES MEET MON, WED, FRI 9:00-10:15 AT HARNEY GYM







FORT LEAVENWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT OPENINGS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Pre-K Teacher(3/4 year-old Program)
- Pre-K Instructional Assistant
- Special Services Coordinator ٠
- Food Service Manager
- **Special Education Teacher**
- **Special Education Para Educator**
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Part-Time Occupational Therapist
- School Psychologist
- Licensed Behavior Analyst BCBA
- Food Service Cook
- School Bus Driver
- Full-Time Bus Aide

APPLY NOW







WE WANT TO TAKE THE **NEEDS ASSESSMENT** SURVEY



Go online to: https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/55 5Ytw1SiK?origin=lprLink

*CAC Required

Help our Education Center to better understand and meet your educational needs on Fort Leavenworth.

Your participation and feedback is valuable and will be utilized to help improve ACES education programs & services!

Fort Leavenworth Education Center Email: usarmy.leavenworth.usag.mbx.education@army.mil

Phone: (913) 684-2496





FOOD SERVICE CHARGES AT APPROPRIATED FUND DINING FACILITIES AND THE MIILTARY ACADEMIES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024* (Prior rates in red)

Meal Breakfast Lunch Dinner Holiday

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Discount Rate \$3.20 (\$3.15) \$5.35 (\$5.25) \$4.60 (\$4.50) \$8.45 (\$8.30)

Standard Rate \$4.35 (\$4.30) \$7.00 (\$6.85) \$6.05 (\$5.95) \$11.40 (\$11.20)

Volume 12, Special Accounts, Funds and Programs, of DoD Financial Manage Regulation (DoD 7000.14-R) stipulates that the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall prescribe the rates for food service charges annually.







Need help with initial rent and deposit?

GO TO AERHQ.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SCAN THE QR CODE



Talk to your local AER officer or chain of command to receive assistance.

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SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS SINCE 1942



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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.

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THE ARMY UNIVERSITY LEARNING SYMPOSIUM



AI Applications for Learning

June 11-14: Virtual Phase - ArmyUniversity.edu & Blackboard.com June 24-28: Hybrid Phase - Ft. Leavenworth, KS & Blackboard.com

Focus Areas: Learning Organizations, Learning Science & Technologies, Learning Data, Learning Strategies



Panels

0 Activities Demonstrations Posters

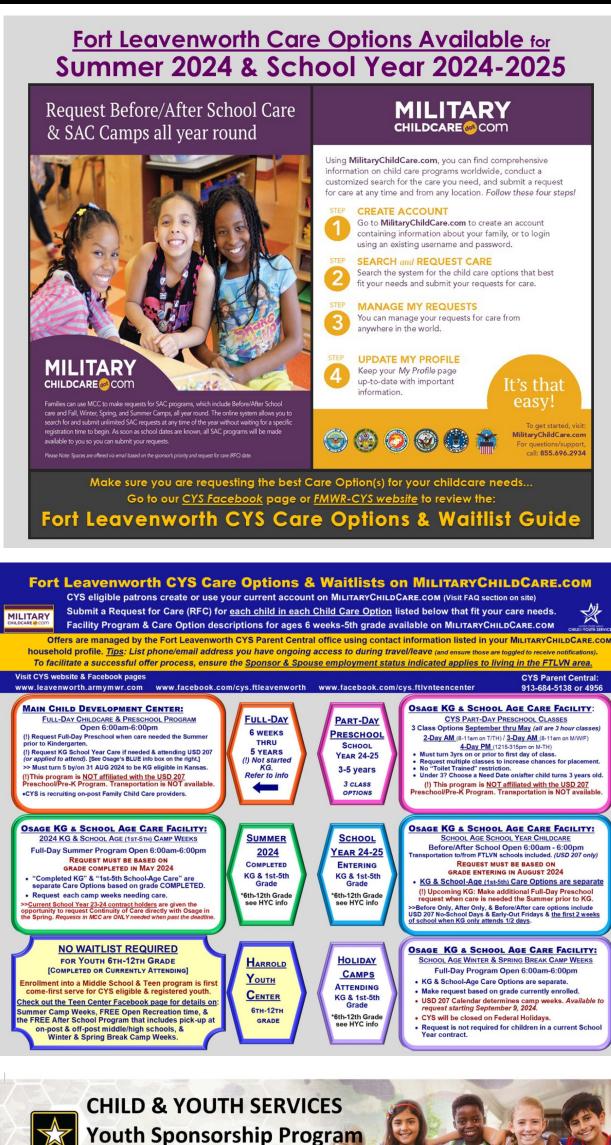


ILI **Displays**

Get more information on the Symposium: www.armyuniversity.edu/Organizations/LearningSymposium



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Ready for the Big Screen? Book A Post Theater

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Did you recently receive PCS orders and have a school-aged child tor teen hat's worried about moving? Maybe you've heard them wonder:

Who will my new friends be? What will my new school look like?What activities/sports are available? What are the other kids wearing?

The Youth Sponsorship Program connects your child to another youth in the new community to answer these questions and so much more.

Why should my child request a sponsor? A sponsor:

- Allows your child to get to know their community before they arrive.
- Provides them with someone who can show them the ropes in their new community.
- Helps reduce social isolation, leading to a healthier transition with reduced stress and at-risk behaviors.
- Gives youth a **youth perspective** of their new community and school.

 Allows you to focus on other aspects of transition, knowing that your child's needs are being met.

What does the Youth Sponsorship Program provide for my child?

- Their Youth Sponsor will provide a welcome packet and information about their new community before arrival.
- Upon arrival, their Youth Sponsor will arrange for them to have a tour of the community and, once you know which school they will be attending, provide information about the school and arrange for a tour there as well.
- The program hosts various activities and events that will help your child meet new people, learn about their school and community.

How do I get a sponsor assigned to my child?

Once you receive PCS orders, contact the School Liaison
 Officer at your current installation.

Birthday Party:



Small Snack Package*: \$6 per kid includes drink, kid size popcorn, candy Large Snack Package*: \$8 per kid includes drink, medium popcorn, candy

minimum of 10

Call 913-684-2736 to book your party





REASONS TO CONNECT WITH 988

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

988 LIFELINE



Donation Day FAQs

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.

3) 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 resale.

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

MUNSON NOTES

Call Center Recognition

Leaders from Munson Army Health Center visited the facility's call center June 20 to recognize the efforts call center agents provide Military Health System beneficiaries who receive care at MAHC. Each day, when the appointment line opens, these agents are the frontline for the patient experience.

"You are behind the scenes but make a very big impact for our patients and staff, and we want you to know you are appreciated," said Maj. Brian Turner, MAHC's deputy commander for administration. Turner presented individual and team awards earned by the agents through MAHC's Ultimate Patient Experience Award Program.

The Munson Army Health Center Appointment Line, at 913-684-6250 or 1-888-269-0109, supports more than 13,000 MHS beneficiaries on Fort Leavenworth and in the greater Kansas City area who are eligible for care at MAHC. The appointment line is open weekdays 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is closed on federal holidays.

Photo by Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs





Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

Munson Army Health Center's basement at 550 Pope Ave. is one of the designated tornado shelters on post.

If a tornado watch is activated after duty hours, Medical Department Activity personnel will open the health center for those needing shelter. The building will remain open until all watches or warnings are lifted.

> **REHABILITATION CLINIC** PELVIC FLOOR THERAPY

Do you experience any of the following?

Pregnancy/post-partum discomfort

No referral required!

913-684-6338/6138

Incontinence

Pelvic Pain

Pain with Intercourse

Rectal pain/constipation

floor physical therapy!

Make an appointment today at the **Munson Rehabilitation Clinic for pelvic**

No Referral Required 🖊

ORGDAY **Munson Army Health Center** will close at Noon, June 28

Munson Army Health Center will close at noon June 28 for Organizational Day. After-hours beneficiaries may call the MHS Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273). Nursing staff who support the NAL phone lines can assist beneficiaries with non-life-threatening medical concerns and provide further guidance.

MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER



HEALTH QUESTIONS WHILE YOU'RE

Medical Emergency

In case of a medical emergency, call 911. The health center does not have an emergency center.

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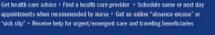
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A REGISTERED NURSE IS ONLY A CALL OR CLICK MHSNurseAdviceLine.com Web chat, video chat or find your country-specific phone number 24/7

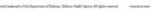


Be vigilant in preventing tick-borne illness this spring.





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Refills are here!

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TRICARE® beneficiaries can order prescription refills through their MHS GENESIS Patient Portal.

www.tricare.mil/ MHSGENESISRxRefills

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