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# Prayer luncheon speaker asks for help to stop stigma, save lives



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

by Prudence Siebert/Editor

The Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon was observed April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center with a buffet-style meal; prayers for the nation, military and families; and a message of faith and mission-calling to stop the stigma associated with mental illness and save lives.

Chaplain (Maj.) Christopher Weinrich, Fort Leavenworth Garrison plans/operations chaplain and ceremony narrator, said the luncheon commemorates the nation's need for prayer, as well as acknowledges the pluralistic religious groups throughout the military.

Chaplain (Maj.) Adam Langley, Command and General Staff College student, performed the national anthem, and scripture readings and various prayers were delivered during the observance by chaplains and religious support service members including Weinrich; Chaplain (Maj.) Arek Ochalek, religious support integrator, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate chaplain; Cpl. Jonathan White, religious affairs specialist with Army Corrections Brigade; Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Shipma, Midwest Joint Regional Corrections Facility Battalion (Corrections) facility chaplain; Chaplain (Col.) Matt Atkins, religious support observer, coach/trainer with Mission Command Training Program; and Chaplain (Col.) Sean Wead, Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth senior chaplain.

Guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, author of "Bipolar General: My Forever War with Mental Illness," entitled his message "Keeping Faith to Battle Mental Illness, Stop Stigma and Save Lives." He recounted his bipolar disorder diagnosis in 2014, when he was in his 36th-year of military service as a two-star general serving as the National Defense University president and working for Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey. Martin said the disorder had helped him through decades of success, until the mania went too high and led to crisis that nearly de-

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Maj. Yaimiset Perez, Headquarters, Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility Battalion (Corrections), bows her head and clasps her hands as Chaplain (Col.) Matt Atkins, Mission Command Training Program religious support observer, coach/trainer chaplain, delivers a prayer for the military and families during the Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.

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Guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin shares his message entitled "Keeping Faith to Battle Mental Illness, Stop Stigma and Save Lives," during the Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.

## MAHC council discusses extending hours



by Maria Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer

Representatives from Munson Army Health Center and the Patient and Family Partnership Council discussed adding an after-hours primary care service on Fort Leavenworth to improve access for busy military families during the PFPC meeting April 4 at MAHC.

"The struggle to balance

work, family, and health care is a familiar one for many, and offering 'after-hours' appointments can be a potential solution to improve patient access," said Tim Stevens, deputy to the commander for Quality and Safety at Munson Army Health Center and Patient and Family Partnership Council chairman, "but it's not a decision to be taken lightly."

Stevens said that implement-

ing extended hours presents a complex equation with both benefits and drawbacks that must be carefully considered.

Council members cited school, extracurricular activities and shift work for reasons to justify extended hours.

Extending primary care hours requires coordination with other sections of the health center. In addition to having a primary care team and front desk support, ancillary services like pharmacy, lab, radiology and immunizations might be required, and even security and facilities.

"Primary care is the largest department at Munson and may have more staff flexibility," Stevens said. "Smaller sections like radiology and lab have fewer staff, which can make it

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■ The Environmental Division, in coordination with Fort Leavenworth Fire and Emergency Services, will be conducting **PRESCRIBED BURNS** on post April 10, weather conditions permitting, to promote native warm season grasses and other plants.

■ The **PAIR DAY** and **KIDS FEST** event is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12 at Harney Sports Complex. Call 913-684-1830 for more information.

■ The **DEADLINE TO APPLY** for the 2025 Michaels Education Foundation Resident Scholarship Program is April 15. Go to tmoef.communityforce .com to apply. E-mail scholarships@tmo.com for assistance, if needed.

### AT A GLANCE

■ EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE is at 6:30 a.m. April 20 at Pioneer Chapel. For a schedule of Lent and Holy Week services, see page A9.

■ The **POSTWIDE YARD SALE** is April 26. See flyer on page B2 for more information.

■ The Patton Junior High School track team will be using all of Normandy Field — the track and field complex by the Unified School District 207 office from 3-5 p.m. weekdays during track season through April 30. During those times, **COMMUNITY MEM-BERS CAN ACCESS THE TRACK AND FIELD** behind the old Patton location on Grant Avenue near Grant Gate. ■ The Directorate of Public Works Natural Re-SOURCES DIVISION IS SPONSORING A FOURTH SEASON OF STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSO-CIATION INTERN POSITIONS this summer. The SCA interns will perform trail maintenance, biological surveys, habitat management and more for the summer positions that run approximately June 1 through Aug. 22, 2025. The positions provide a housing and living stipend of \$650 a week and an education award for completed service. For more information contact michael.n.bass.civ@army.mil or 520-692-6152 or apply at https://thesca.org/join-the-crew.

■ See the **POST NOTES** (B section) for more information on upcoming events.



# **Soldiers helping soldiers** Enlisted soldier/officer/retiree/civilian helped by AER encourages others to 'check the box'

by Scott Gibson/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Officer

Editor's Note: This is an updated version of a story that originally ran April 25, 2024, in the Fort Leavenworth Lamp.

When you get to the point in your career when your hair turns white, you have a pretty good perspective because you can see things from every angle.

You've checked a lot of boxes and that allows you to have some insight.

In my case, when people ask me, "Are you a veteran?" I can say Yes.

"Are you a former enlisted soldier?" Yes.

"Are you a former officer?" Yes. "Are you a retiree?" Yes. "Are you an Army civilian professional?" Yes.

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cording to Fort Leavenworth Army Community Service.

That seems pretty good, considering the campaign lasts until June 14, right?

Well, here's the rub:

— Since the campaign started on March 1, 44 active-duty soldiers have given \$3901

— 11 Department of Defense civilians have given \$681

— and retirees are represented by 12 donors who have given a total of \$2,989.

When you breakdown the numbers of people who have already donated (thank you, by the way!) you'll see that we aren't hitting the mark yet. In fact, there are about 4,200 active-duty military on Fort Leavenworth — 44 of 4,200 is about 1.05 percent.

0.025 percent. Total = 1.35 percent.

Now consider that the campaign started on March 1 and ends on June 14 — 35 days of 106 total days means 33 percent of the campaign is already over.

One-third of the time is already gone and we have 13 percent toward our monetary award, and only 1.35 percent of our population have donated.

We can do better.

al of \$2,989.If you don't have your ownWhen you breakdown the<br/>mbers of people who have al-AER experiences, perhaps mine<br/>will help sway you.

Then came graduation day and I was called into the orderly room and told my orders had changed.

I was now heading to Fort Mc-Nair in Washington, D.C., and no on-post housing was available anywhere near my duty station.

Suddenly, I found myself in a situation where I was going to move my family across the country to a place where housing costs were double what I was expecting, and I had to come up with first and last months' rent, pay for gas to get back and forth ... etc.

Enter Army Emergency Relief.

My sponsor quickly figured out that my young family was about to start our Army experience drowning in debt and took me to Army Community Service, where it was determined that my family qualified for an AER grant. Life-changing. Instead of starting off in a massive hole of debt, I was able to get settled, my wife found a job, and we could get by. We were still living paycheck to paycheck, but at least we weren't starting out completely upside down. Fast-forward about five years later to young 2nd Lt. Gibson, now with a wife and three kids in tow.

Arriving at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, I was told that during my time at Officer Candidate School and subsequent courses afterward, there had been an administrative error and I was paid too much. My leave and earnings statement upon arriving in Hawaii reflected "no pay due," just in time for setting up another new home in another high-cost area.

This time, I was eligible for an AER loan to help get me through the initial set-up costs.

Later, as a company commander, I saw numerous instances when soldiers needed a financial boost, often through no fault of their own. Deaths in the family, car troubles, unexpected expenses... life happens. And AER was there to support whenever it

With the Army Emergency Relief Campaign currently underway, please allow me to provide some perspective from a person who has checked a lot of boxes.

As of the latest update April 4 from AER headquarters, Fort Leavenworth has collectively received \$7,571 so far. That's 13 percent of our \$60,000 goal earned for the local AER program, acThere are just over 4,000 DoD civilian employees who serve here — 11 of 4,000 is 0.275 percent.

There are more than 47,000 military retirees across 37 counties who are in the Fort Leavenworth service area — 12 of 47,000 is

My enlisted-guy story is like many. Back in 19 blah, blah, blah... I was a brand-new graduate from Advanced Individual Training at the Defense Information School, then at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. I was very excited to go to my new duty station with orders to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, which offered plenty of on-post housing for my wife and two young sons. Life for Pfc. Gibson was looking great... was needed.

So, here's my call to action.

I know you have a lot of competing priorities for your philanthropy, but please don't overlook the one that is set up for soldiers to help soldiers.

Consider checking the box and giving a donation to Army Emergency Relief.

Don't wait until you are a retiree to help – your fellow teammates need help now.

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## Practicum prepares CGSC students for division assignments in large-scale combat operations



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Mitch Watkins, Command and General Staff Officer Course Department of Army Tactics assistant professor, addresses the class during a Division Offensive Operation practicum March 28 at the Lewis and Clark Center. The practicum prepared students for their future roles as division staff officers responsible for providing recommendations to commanders to lead their organizations in combat.

by Jessica Brushwood/The Army University Public Affairs Office

Classrooms at the Command and General Staff College - organized to replicate a real division command post — were a flurry of communications and activity March 26-28 as students participated in a Division Offensive Operation practicum.

Significant time was devoted to conducting a targeting working group, which was a student-led replication of division staff directing combat actions and setting conditions for division offensive operations in a large-scale combat operation. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Calvin Cameron and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jerry Burks enhanced student understanding through candid conversation based on their operational experience with targeting.

Additionally, students benefited from on-the-spot mentoring from experienced leaders, including Department of the Army Tactics Instructors Matt McKinley and Brian Leakey who brought decades of technical and education experience.

The practicum prepares students for their future roles as division staff officers responsible for providing recommendations to commanders to lead their organizations in combat.

"In our first field-grade roles as jun-

ior majors, our job is to integrate operations at echelon across cells ensured synchronization of the overall operahas been an opportunity to learn from the different branches in our small group and understand how to synchronize information, planning and execution preparation. Over the last three weeks, the opportunity to see this at the division level was good preparation before going into our next job."

within the division," said Command and General Staff Of- tion across multiple echelons and divergent staff sections. ficer Course student Capt. Michael West. "This past year CGSOC student Maj. Stewart Tice filled the role of a division chief of staff and shared that the targeting working group allowed participants to understand the various roles and functions in warfighting and how those processes integrate across time. "We learned to conduct current operations while leaning forward to determine what we are doing next, or how we respond if something happens," Tice said. "It's thinking beyond where we were in our careers, focused on here and now, and thinking what we need to do today to enable the brigade's success tomorrow."

March 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center.

"Everything we do training-wise is meant to replicate real-world experiences we will face when we go back to the force," CGSOC student Maj. James Corbitt said. "This is a good, immersive exercise to see the way rotations are run, practice processes, and take feedback with the AAR, as it's the major last part of the military operations process." Reviewing and assessing outcomes of actions and decisions as division staff during a large-scale combat operation captures lessons learned and reinforces the learning objectives. "Before attending (the Command and General Staff School), I completed a broadening assignment with the Mission Command Training Program," West said. "I realized our discussions before execution were very similar to what takes place at MCTP, so this is a sign of success."

Photo by Dan Neal/Army University Public Affairs

A Command and General Staff Officer Course student moves pieces on a map during a Division Offensive Operation practicum

Students had specific roles and were responsible to identify and nominate targets for the division, corps and joint assets to enable a division offensive operation 24-96 hours out from execution.

Planning and preparing the operation in detail, rehearsals in time and space, and constant communication

To culminate the event, students presented an after-action review to leadership.



**Command and General** Staff Officer Course student Maj. Mike Callas provides an after-action report during the second phase of a Division Operation Offensive practicum March 28 at the Lewis and Clark Center. The practicum prepared students for their future roles as division staff officers responsible for providing recommendations to commanders to lead their organizations in combat.

> Photo by Sarah Hauck/ Army University Public Affairs

# Army streamlines training requirements to enhance warfighting readiness

by U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army will unveil an updated version of Army Regulation 350-1, Army Training and Leader Development, on June 1, 2025. This revision, which streamlines the regulation from more than 250 pages to fewer than 100, will enable small-unit leaders and tactical formations to focus on training to fight and win on modern and future battlefields.

The updated regulation marks a significant step toward simplifying training requirements while enhancing warfighting readiness and effectiveness across the force. In addition, it will remove administrative burdens and unnecessary distractions, allowing soldiers to focus on essential warfighting skills.

The revised AR 350-1 re-

duces the number of mandatory training tasks from 24 to 17, reduces requirements, eliminates redundancies, and highlights tasks that are essential to warfighting, readiness and lethality. The updates focus on retaining only the essential training required by Department of Defense policies, as well as critical Army-specific tasks that support combat readiness.

Six tasks have been shifted to optional training, at the discretion of commanders, and one task has been eliminated entirely. Outdated programs, including "Resilience Training" and "Structured Self-Development," have also been removed.

These revisions aim to alleviate the burden on commanders by granting them greater flexibility in customizing training schedules to meet specific mission requirements. The new regulation eliminates restrictions on the duration and locations of certain training events and encourages alternative methods of training delivery.

These changes are part of the Army's broader effort to prioritize readiness by eliminating unnecessary administrative burdens and sharpening the focus on preparing soldiers for decisive action in combat. The revised regulation also reorganizes appendices for improved clarity, emphasizing tasks related to warfighting capabilities.

This update reflects the Army's commitment to ensuring that soldiers are better prepared for real-world missions while reducing non-essential requirements that can detract from operational effectiveness.

To read the draft of AR-350-1, visit https://api.army.mil /e2/c/downloads/2025/04/01/c0 4 d 7 3 c e / d r a f t - 3 5 0 - 1 -1april25.pdf.









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Last week, Combined Arms Center personnel participated in the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge competition, which began with 115 participants and resulted in 12 earning gold badges, 27 earning silver badges, and 16 earning bronze badges. Participants represented CAC Headquarters, Army Corrections Brigade, Army University, Medical Department Activity/Munson Army Health Center, CAC Law Enforcement Activity, The Research and Analysis Center, Mission Command Training Program, University of Central Missouri ROTC, Kansas City Recruiting Battalion and international military officers from five nations.

LEFT: German Sgt. Maj. Thomas Vogel, German senior enlisted liaison to the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, offers shooting form guidance to Sgt. Anthony Baltierra, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility Battalion (Corrections), during the pistol range portion of the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge event April 1 at Kinder Range. Each participant fired 10 rounds at a paper target from varying distances up to 15 meters and had to score at least seven hits to qualify.

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# GERMAN ARMED FORCES PROFICIENCY BADGE

### GAFPB RESULTS

#### GOLD

Sgt. Anthony Baltierra, Maj. Bethany Blackburn, Spc. Luca Carasi, Spc. Jason Crespo, Polish Capt. Kamil Gromadzinski, Cadet Alexander Karigan, Cadet Jenesis May, Maj. Jacob Naumann, Cadet Bryan O'Barr, Canadian Maj. Marc-Andre Pelland, Maj. Christopher Price and Maj. Weston Thomsen.

### SILVER

Maj. Garrett Barber, Spc. Michael Bare, Staff Sgt. Merle E. Gillam III, Maj. Lewis Hammock, Capt. Taylor Herrington, Maj. Leon Hilburn, Maj. Kyle Hodgson, Brazilian Lt. Col. Felipe Honorato, Maj. Nicholas Johnson, Pfc. Jendry Jomarron, Cadet Ross Jonas, Spc. Sione Mapakaitolo Jr., Sgt. Devin Massingill, Capt. Gregory Mathieson, Maj. Colton Mercer, Maj. Taylor Mextorf, Pfc. Carson Milbrath, Staff Sgt. Jason Mills, Sgt. Thomas Piqueras, Maj. Tyler Quinn, Maj. Daniel Richardson, Lt. Col. Mark Thompson, Maj. Douglas Taufu'a, Maj. James Untiedt, Cadet Jeremy Weber, Pvt. Harlin Welch and Capt. Kenneth Yacynych.

#### BRONZE

Cadet Christopher Adams, Spc. Gregory Delgado, Maj. Robert Drye, Sgt. Christopher Hocker, Sgt. Brody Holcomb, Maj. Andris Locmelis, Maj. Roland Paquette, Sgt. 1st Class Tyler Plummer, Maj. Ronald Rice, Cadet Gavin Satterfield, Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Straub, Cadet Angelina Taylor, Sgt. Zachary Terra, Belgium Maj. Michael Verbelen, Staff Sgt. Luke Warner and Maj. Joshua



Capt. Gregory Mathieson, Command and General Staff College student, sprints through the 11x10-meter portion of the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge fitness test while Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Hayes, Kansas City Recruiting Battalion, evaluates his performance March 31 at Normandy Field. The 11x10-meter sprint portion of the test challenges participants to complete five and a half laps within 60 seconds — or sprint 11 repetitions of 10-meter sprints — measuring both speed and endurance.

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LEFT: Maj. Weston Thomsen, Command and General Staff College student, swims his final lap of the German Armed **Forces Proficiency Badge** swim test March 31 at Harney Sports Complex. GAFPB participants swim 100 meters in combat uniform, excluding boots, as part of the swimming portion of the competition. The swim must be completed in four minutes or less to qualify.

BELOW: Cadet Harvey Peavler, University of Central Missouri ROTC, performs the flexed-arm hang exercise during the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge fitness test March 31 at Normandy Field. To qualify, participants must hold the chin-up position for at least five seconds.

Spc. Joshua Kuliszewski, **Medical Depart**ment Activity, conducts the pistol marksmanship portion of the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge event April 1 at Kinder Range. Participants engaged targets with the M17 pistol following the **GAFPB** qualification standards.







# CELEBRATING THE ARMY'S BIRTHDAY Army's recruiting campaigns evolve through years

by Joe Lacdan/Army News Service

WASHINGTON — From dramatic images of soldiers leaping from aircraft to footage of troops traversing dense forests or harsh deserts, Army commercials have celebrated military service since the establishment of the all-volunteer force.

The Army News Service looks back on some of the Army's most memorable commercials and campaigns over the past 50 years.

#### Be All You Can Be

A familiar slogan played across bulky television sets in the 1980s and 1990s evoking feelings of pride and patriotism.

"Be all that you can be ... get an edge on life, in the Army," the rousing recruiting jingle popularized during the childhoods of Generation X and millennials returned when the Army adopted the nostalgic marketing campaign for a new generation in 2023.

The original phrase proved so successful in the 80s that it became the Army's longest-running advertising campaign from 1980 until 2001.

The Army looked to boost the service's image following varied media depictions after the Vietnam War. To address recruiting shortfalls after the war, the branch wanted to create an inspiring campaign in the 1980s to encourage more people to enlist in the service, according to the Army Historical Foundation.

"We do more before 9 a.m. than most people do all day," a voice in the commercial quips.

The Army wanted to target a more capable, higher quality recruit capable of operating advanced technology.

The Army also aired ads to find recruits for its renowned elite fighting force, the Army Rangers. The 75th Ranger Regiment boasts some of the most disciplined, athletic soldiers capable of executing complex Special Forces missions. To attract the most fit and dedicated recruits, it depicted a soldier in a voiceover talking about the challenge of joining the Rangers.

In one 30-second commercial the soldier says, "A Ranger never takes the easy way out. That's why getting into the Rangers is tough and the training's tough. So, it makes me feel like I'm part of something really special."

Finally, the ad couples with a song and "Be all that you can be" tagline.

More than three decades later in 2023, the Army aired a



Screenshot from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lwx-2R9swDg

U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville, joined by Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston, Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth and others, introduces a new generation to the slogan "Be All You Can Be" in the Army brand trailer at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lwx-2R9swDg in 2023. The Army previously used the "Be All You Can Be" slogan from 1980-2001. Since then the Army has used "Army Of One," "Army Strong" and "Warriors Wanted/What's Your Warrior?" for recruiting and marketing. "Be All You Can Be" officially returned as the Army's slogan March 8, 2023.

During one ad, soldiers in different career fields look sternly into the camera and recite the Soldier's Creed. The footage shows soldiers working in the field; with some embedded in grasslands, a tank commander, a pilot, an Army athlete and in formation.

The campaign began to be removed from Army advertising in 2015 before being fully phased out in 2018 due to declining recruiting numbers. The campaign enjoyed some success in its early years during the "surge," when President George W. Bush committed an additional 20,000 troops for security operations in Iraq.



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more contemporary version of the iconic ad, featuring soldiers in the field, on the range and inside barracks. The ad opens with dawn breaking over a rugged arid desert in the American southwest, then flashes to a scene over quaint rural view of a small New England town.

Different soldiers, along with Army senior leaders, echo the slogan across different regions of the branch.

Former Secretary of the Army Christine E. Wormuth said the Army faced its most challenging recruiting landscape in the post-pandemic years. Wormuth, who spent much of her adolescence in the 1980s, adapted a contemporary version of the campaign, which focused on 15 cities and assisting new recruits with the application process.

"At a time when political, economic and social factors are changing how young Americans view the world, the new Army brand illustrates how service in the Army is grounded in passion and purpose," Wormuth said. "We want a new generation of Americans to see the Army as a pathway to the lives and careers they want to achieve."

#### **Army Strong**

The Army looked to reinvigorate its recruiting in the middle of the Iraq war. In 2006 the service changed its marketing from "An Army of One" to "Army Strong," to attract potential recruits to the idea of becoming physically and emotionally strong while building strong character.

#### An Army of One

In the early 2000s, the Army looked to appeal to individual excellence and strength, qualities marketers felt appealed to Generation X.

The campaign lasted only about five years in part because some Army leaders felt it favored individualism over the collectivist team environment of the military, wrote then-Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Phillips.

During one commercial titled "Dog Tags," a lone soldier can be seen jogging in the middle of a barren desert. The soldier's dog tags dangle from his uniform. "I am an Army of one," the soldier begins. "With technology, with support, who I am has become better than who I was... And I'll be the first to tell you, the might of the U.S. Army doesn't lie in numbers, it lies in me ... I am an Army of one."

#### Warriors Wanted and What's Your Warrior?

This banner showcased the Army's marketing campaign from 2001-2006. The service later moved away from the idea to focus more on the team aspect of the Army.

Following Army Strong, the Army would adopt two short-lived campaigns. In the first campaign, "Warriors Wanted," the Army hoped to use the ads to build a modern, deployable lethal force. The campaign, led by then-Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, focused on appealing to Gen Z.

A series of new ads made their debut on social media and television sets in the fall of 2018. It featured images of Army Rangers lowering themselves from a helicopter and into combat.

The service followed Warriors Wanted with "What's Your Warrior," a more focused version of the Warriors Wanted campaign. The Army focused on individual talents and skills soldiers will hone and learn.



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# Community treated to Mr. Stinky Feet concert for MOMC



Photo by Ashley Parsons/Child and Youth Services

Fort Leavenworth families sing and dance with Jim Cosgrove, better known as Mr. Stinky Feet, during the concert celebrating Month of the Military Child April 5 at the Post Theater. Other upcoming MOMC events include a spirit week continuing today and April 11, and the Kids Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12 at Harney Sports Complex in conjunction with PAIR Day. See the MOMC event calendar on page B1.

# Lent, Holy Week services schedule

#### **Protestant Christian Services**

**Good Friday Service,** 6 p.m. April 18 in Frontier Chapel

**Easter Sunrise Service**, 6:30 a.m. April 20 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Sunday, regular chapel schedule, April 20: • Traditional Protestant, 8:30 a.m. at Pioneer Chapel

• Liturgical Protestant, 9:30 a.m. at Memorial Chapel

• Multicultural Gospel Service, 10 a.m. at Pioneer Chapel

• Contemporary Protestant at 11 a.m. at Frontier Chapel

**Catholic Services** 

**Stations of the Cross**, 5:30-7 p.m. Friday in Pioneer Chapel, April 11

Holy Thursday Mass, 6 p.m. April 17 in Pioneer Chapel

**Good Friday Service**, 3 p.m. April 18 in Pioneer Chapel

Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m. April 19 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Mass, 9:30 a.m. April 20 at Frontier Chapel

## **Commissary celebrates MOMC with STEM**

by DeCA Corporate Communications

FORT GREGG-ADAMS, Virgina — Commissaries worldwide are celebrating the Month of the Military Child in April with hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities.

Defense Commissary Agency patrons can scan the QR code on in-store signage to get information on activities designed for students in pre-kindergarten, elementary school, middle school and high school.

Visit https://corp.commissaries.com/military-child-month to peruse available activities, the ingredients for which can be automatically added to patrons' shopping carts. Step-by-step in-

ns structions can be printed out for each activity.

During April, DeCA is bringing attention to STEM activities and some of the products patrons can get in their commissary to support this interactive program. Any products unavailable in stores are typically found in the home.

"With April being the Month of the Military Child, we're making learning fun with interactive STEM activities," said Navy Command Master Chief Mario S. Rivers, senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "We are celebrating our military children as the leaders, innovators and problem-solvers of tomorrow."

As DeCA hosts these activities in April, Rivers wants patrons to know that commissary employees have a natural understanding of what it means to be a military child.

"We understand the sacrifices military children make, as many of our employees are former military children or have served as a family with children themselves," he said. "Our commitment to honoring their experiences and supporting their growth reflects the values we hold dear — values shaped by firsthand understanding of the military lifestyle."

As the father of a military youth, Rivers has witnessed how some aspects of military life can be difficult for the children of service members who have to contend with constant moves or when a parent is away from home on deployments.



Screenshot from https://corp.commissaries.com/military-child-month

"Sometimes it's the little things that can mean a lot to a family far from home," Rivers said, "like a favorite snack or familiar cereal

from the commissary, that can help provide some of the comforts of home and make things a little easier for military kids."



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stroyed him.

"My brain completely went over the edge, and I became a maniac," Martin said, explaining that the term means mania to an extreme level. "I was over the top, off the rails, out of control, extremely disruptive and erratic. My faculty administrators and students wrote dozens of anonymous letters to the chairman detailing my bizarre behavior."

After what he described as a fair and impartial assessment, his longtime mentor and friend Dempsey praised him for his work at NDU but asked for his resignation and ordered him to get a psychiatric evaluation.

Martin said he reacted to that shocking directive with joy rather than anger or embarrassment, due to the mania, and thought God would soon place him in an even more important role.

"I was actually right that day in the chairman's office, because my mental health advocacy these past eight years is the most important work and most rewarding thing I have ever done in my life," Martin said. "After years of mental health crisis, recovery and building a new life, I'm now in a really good place, living a happy, healthy, purposeful life. God has moved me on to a greater mission of sharing my bipolar story to help stop stigma, promote recovery and save lives."

Martin said medical personnel determined his genetic predisposition for bipolar disorder, which was later known to affect two of his three children, was triggered by the intense stress in 2003 when he a combat engineer brigade commander overseeing a unit of more than 10,000 soldiers playing a pivotal role on the battlefield in Iraq.

"I felt like Superman, that I was invincible," Martin said of himself in the early War on Terrorism. "I was all over the battlefield, anticipating and solving problems before anybody else knew it was a problem to be solved. My mind felt like a super computer — I was creative, making life and death decisions under fire. My energy levels were through the roof, and I needed very little sleep. Most of my year in Iraq was characterized by high-performing mania, euphoria and joy, occasionally punctuated by depression, rage, fear and grief."

Martin said he engaged in every available chapel program and prayed all the time. He credits God for not being killed or wounded. "I think God gave me stability and wisdom, and by all accounts, a successful command," he said. "(I) could have shot off the rails in Iraq. My faith was key; it was the bedrock of my mental toughness and resilience in Iraq."

Martin said his brain responded to the stress of war by producing excessive amounts of dopamine and endorphins, which resulted in his high-performing mania.

"Unfortunately, this mania upended my brain chemistry, damaged my brain circuitry and launched me into a life dominated by unknown, unrecognized and undiagnosed bipolar disorder."

After that year in Iraq when he was euphoric and accomplishing so much, Martin said he suffered a 10-month-long depression upon redeployment to Germany. He reported the depression, but because he wasn't suicidal, medical personnel declared him fit for duty.

"The fact is I wasn't — they were wrong, but nobody knew," he said, adding that eventually he felt fine again. That first updown cycle with the disorder became his "life pattern" over the next decade.

Martin continued on in his career, crediting the structure, routine and discipline of Army life and his devotion to God as what helped him through the high stress of new assignments.

"Yet my bipolar mania helped my performance in many ways by providing ever higher levels of energy, drive, enthusiasm and creativity. It fueled my career ascendance — until it didn't."

Martin said his highs and lows became more extreme and resulted in full-blown mania in 2014 when Dempsey removed him from command.

"It was clearly the best decision for myself, my family, my health and the organization," he said. "I have since learned that when you are in a state of mania like that, your other organs, not just your brain, are at high risk — I mean, I could easily have had a heart attack or a stroke during that period of intense full-blown mania."

Martin said he crashed into a hopeless depression with psychosis and passive suicidal ideations.

"For me (the ideations) were anything but passive — instead they were real, powerful and life-consuming. They could have easily transformed into active ideation and

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## Prayer for the military and families

Delivered by Chaplain (Col.) Matthew Atkins, religious support observer, coach/trainer chaplain, Mission Command Training Program

Joshua 24:14 – 15: "Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served... and serve the Lord. If that seems hateful to you, then choose whom you will serve – but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

#### Father,

Maybe the uncertainty we feel about tomorrow is nothing new, but it is still deeply unsettling.

Wars and rumors of wars. Economic distrust. Problems globally.

Our worries, smaller in scale — still large — because they are ours — we don't read about them in the papers (or) hear about them in the news ...

We live with them, and our spouses and children carry them like a ruck sack.

The next assignment and move, household goods, schools, friends, income and retirement, kids growing up and leaving home.

Are we doing the right thing? Did we raise them well? Did we demonstrate justice, mercy,

#### humility?

Then, injury and illness, sometimes life-altering.

Aging and passing parents. Did we honor them well? Did we forgive them their failures, seek forgiveness for our own?

Are we now choosing well stewarding the precious lives we were given — and those for which we are responsible — in such a way that our children inherit much more than a home or a trust — an intelligence or ethic... but that they inherit our reverence for, and confidence in, the living God.

Our confidence that you are good, and faithful to generations of those who love you and keep your commandments.

In all of it, we hear the words of scripture — choose this day whom you will serve.

And we pray — help us open our eyes again to your goodness. Help us, again, to see the vanity in all other little "G" gods. We acknowledge that we will all serve something...

For the sake of our families help us again, to choose again, to serve the living God.

Some trust in chariots, some in horses; we trust in the name of the Lord our God. Amen.

Chaplain (Maj.) Adam Langley, Command and General Staff College student, performs the national anthem as the Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Lunch-





eon begins April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.

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Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon attendees bow their heads as Chaplain (Col.) Matt Atkins, Mission Command Training Program religious support observer, coach/trainer chaplain, delivers a prayer for the military and families April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.



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ABOVE: Chaplain (Maj.) Arek Ochalek, religious support integrator, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate chaplain, delivers the invocation at the beginning of the Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.

RIGHT: Chaplain (Maj.) Andrew Muilenburg, Command and General Staff College chaplain, introduces guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, author of "Bipolar General: My Forever War with Mental Illness," during the Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.



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Guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin asks leaders, including Chaplain (Col.) Sean Wead, Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth senior chaplain, to raise their hands to join him in his mission to stop stigma associated with mental illness during the Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.

actual suicide. I'm fortunate to be alive. God held me in his grip and saved me from death."

During his mania, Martin said his "attitude of gratitude" and religious zeal was deemed obsessive by his family and colleagues, but Martin countered that most religious leaders could be described as obsessed. He admitted that in the "depths of bipolar hell" he grew angry at God, but realized a few years later that God's plan was for him to save lives "from the ravages of mental illness." came alongside me in the time of trial."

Martin, who referred to himself as an expert through lived experience, said turning to God in prayer and quiet meditation is for him an antidote to the stress, agitation, anxiety and rage that can trigger the "bipolar monster," and he described figuratively fencing off those things that can cause triggers as if they were minefields and avoiding them. Martin shared some bipolar and depression statistics, emphasizing that 20 percent of people experience mental illness and the rest of the population, as family members, friends and colleagues, are affected by mental illness. "These illnesses can lead to destruction of everything - family, marriage, career, finances - lead to homelessness, addiction, incarceration and death," Martin said. "But the good news is that these medical conditions are all treatable. Correctly diagnosed and treated, people with mental illness can live healthy, happy, purposeful and success-

### Prayer for the nation

Delivered by Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Shipma, Midwest Joint Regional Corrections Facility Battalion (Corrections) facility chaplain

Dear Father in heaven, we pray for our nation.

Thank you for bestowing upon this land a legacy that values faith and the freedom to worship according to conscience.

We humbly ask for your blessing.

Help us to stand fast in those high principles, which have been our heritage and have made us unique among the peoples of the world.

Empower us to be a force for

good, exemplifying and advancing justice and freedom.

And make us resolute in the pursuit of the righteousness that exalteth a nation.

Bless those who bear the calling to lead at the national, state and local levels, as well as those who lead this installation. Guide them to do that which is right as they promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to us and those who follow.

All of this we commend to your sovereign and gracious care, and all for your name's sake. Amen.



ful lives."

Martin said he decided to "own" his diagnosis and not be embarrassed or stigmatized.

"I know it is a physiological condition inside my brain, so there was no room for stigma or any of that stuff, so I said, I am going to own this and learn everything I can about this brain disease, and then go to war with it so that I can recover, build a new life and prevent relapse." Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon attendees bow their heads as Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Shipma, Midwest Joint Regional Corrections Facility Battalion (Corrections) facility chaplain, says a prayer for the nation April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.

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port they need," Martin said. "Stigma is costing lives."

Martin charged the luncheon attendees to learn to recognize mental illness symptoms in themselves and others, and to get help, with haste. He asked the leaders in the room to help stop stigma associated with mental health disorders.

The Fort Leavenworth Chaplain Family Life Center offers pastoral counseling services. Call 913-684-8997 or 913-680-7336 or e-mail daniel.a.herring2.mil@army.mil. Military OneSource offers a wide variety of resources and information. Visit https://www.militaryonesource.mil/healthwellness/mental-health/resources/. The Military Crisis Line (dial 988 then press 1, chat online or text 838255) is free, confidential and available 24/7 to all service members and veterans. For more information, visit https://www.veteranscrisisline. net/get-help-now/military-crisis-line/.

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Despite extensive medical treatment and religious activity, Martin said he was still very ill, until he was prescribed lithium, which stabilized him. He called it a miracle and said the medication and lifestyle changes were gifts from God.

"Despite the darkness and doubt, my recovery convinces me that God loves and cares for me," he said. "As the great physician, he assembled an expert team of doctors, nurses, family, friends and others who Martin said he shares his story to help save lives, relationships and careers.

"My vision is that everyone who has a mental health disorder gets medical help free of stigma — this would prevent many, many suicides," Martin said, noting that other diseases like cancer aren't stigmatized, and neither should mental illness, which is also physiological in nature.

"Stigma is grounded in ignorance and fear. It's a blatant form of prejudice and discrimination, and it is the greatest deterrent to people not getting the mental health sup-



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Chaplain (Col.) Sean Wead, Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth senior chaplain, thanks guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin for his message with a compass, symbolizing the connection between Fort Leavenworth and the Lewis and Clark Expedition, as well as referencing a moral compass, at the conclusion of the Fort Leavenworth National Prayer Luncheon April 3 at the Frontier Conference Center.





# Youth For Christ Military seeks to reach military-connected youth

by Youth For Christ Military/Hamilton Strategies News Release

DENVER — Month of the Military Child is observed every April in the United States to honor and recognize the sacrifices and contributions of the 1.6 million military children living in the United States and abroad.

Military-connected youth face unique challenges compared to their civilian peers. Families frequently move, making it difficult to establish a consistent community, while many children must cope with the frequent absence of a deployed parent. As a result, these young people often feel overlooked and struggle to find a place to belong.

Youth For Christ (YFC, www.yfc.net) serves these young people through the military ministry, YFC Military, by partnering with local chaplains, churches, schools and other like-minded organizations to reach military-connected youth.

"Often, when people think of service members, both home and abroad, they don't think of the families that serve alongside those people who put on the uniform," said Nick Kmoch, YFC Military executive director. "YFC Military is uniquely poised to step in to build relationships with those children."

While YFC Military uses the organization's time-tested mentor approach to culauthentic Christ-sharing tivating relationships, Kmoch noted the inherent challenges in ministering to a community that's continually changing.

"Wherever a service member's deployment takes them, their kids often move there, too," Kmoch said. "We have the privilege of serving kids and building relationships to let them know that they're not alone. We tell them that even though they might feel unseen, we see them for who they are."

Kmoch said these shifting deployments can cause a variety of mental health concerns for young people.

"On average, these kids are going to move between six and nine times during their school-age years," Kmoch said. "Deployments can really cause anxiety and worry for teens, because not only is their home gone, but the people they trust are gone as well. They're worried about their safety, they're worried about if they'll come home or when they'll come home. There are significant struggles in the military

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Fort Leavenworth Campus Life Military graphic

community with mental health, PTSD and injuries. There are a lot of spaces where these young people have had to embrace some of those challenges as kids."

Yet despite these headwinds, Kmoch said he has witnessed powerful life-change.

"For all of the challenges facing militaryconnected youth, it's amazing to see the resiliency and the benefit that comes from their experiences," Kmoch said. "I see God moving in their lives in powerful ways. This is the next generation of leaders, and they are strategic Gospel carriers as they go to the four corners of the earth.

"YFC Military understands the challenges of military life, and we meet military-connected youth where they are to help them give life to their story. Our vision is that all of these young people are engaged in authentic Christ-sharing relationships, regardless of where their families serve."

Youth For Christ has been a leader in missional youth outreach for more than seven decades and is dedicated to uncovering God's story of hope in the next generation that desperately needs it. YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other likeminded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ, and commitment to social involvement.

YFC chapters are available in thousands of communities across the nation, seeking out and serving youth from all walks of life. Young people are silently struggling through a wide variety of challenging issues. YFC trains its leaders in a proven, relational ministry model called 3Story®, which encourages staff and volunteers to be good news while also sharing the stories of the good news of Jesus. It involves building relationships through the

ups and downs of everyday life to lead people to Christ.

YFC has been a pillar of missional ministry since 1944, when Dr. Billy Graham served as YFC's first full-time staff member. Since then, Youth For Christ has continued to be both a rural and urban ministry on mission, and it is always about the message of Jesus. Youth For Christ operates in more than 100 nations and has more than 120

### Fort Leavenworth **Campus Life Military** upcoming events

#### CAMPUS LIFE **CLUB** and **SMALL GROUPS**

Purpose: A welcoming, safe, high energy, large group meeting designed to help lost young people discover who Jesus is by fostering authentic Christ-sharing relationships and connecting relevant topics to scripture. Small groups are where we meet with several young people to discuss relevant topics and connect them to God's truth.

Who: Middle school high and school students

Where: Harrold Youth Center

When: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays through May 14

Snacks are provided.

#### **BIBLE STUDY** Who: High school

students Pioneer Where: Chapel, room 16 When: 5:30-7 p.m. April 14, April 28, May 12 and May 26 Dinner and drinks will be provided.

#### **CLUE – A LIVE CRIME-SOLVING EVENT**

Purpose: Spending time in shared experiences with young people to build new relationships and grow existing ones.

Who: High school students

Where: Location TBD. For details. contact Ministry Site Director Samantha Odle at 605-569-3820 or sodle@yfc.net. When: 6-10 p.m.

April 25

Dinner and drinks will be provided.

To stay up to date on Campus Life Military events, contact the ministry site director at 605-569-3820 or sodle@yfc.net or visit Ft. Leavenworth Club - Campus Life Military on Facebook or @campuslifefortleavenworth on Instagram.

chapters in communities across America. Learn more about Youth For Christ at www.yfc.net.

The Fort Leavenworth YFC affiliate, Campus Life Military, for sixth-graders through high school seniors, meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Harrold Youth Center. For more information, contact Samantha Odle at 605-569-3820 or sodle@yfc.net.

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### Patient and Family Partnership Council (continued from Page A1)



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Representatives from Munson Army Health Center and the Patient and Family Partnership Council explore after-hours primary care options to improve access for busy military families on Fort Leavenworth during the PFPC meeting April 4 at the health center. The group is working out details to get approval for a pilot program to be tested later this year.

more challenging to cover down, but we are looking at different ways to see if we can make it work."

A survey from primary care revealed equal interest in earlier hours, later hours and current hours, which are 7:40 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

With the the council's input, Stevens said MAHC

was developing a pilot program to extend hours until 6:30 p.m. one day per week beginning at the end of summer or early fall.

"During the summer months when school is out and many families are transferring to or from Fort Leavenworth, we typically see a dip in demand for care, so we don't think it would be the best time to pilot after-hours care," Stevens said. "But come August, when school starts and families are settled in, we think that will be a good time to test it out."

The Patient and Family Partnership Council captures voices and insights of patients and families to improve the patient care experience. The council meets quarterly and is composed of volunteers who represent the interests of patients who receive care from MAHC.

To share thoughts or ideas with the council, email usarmy.leavenworth.medcom-mahc.mbx. p a t i e n t - a d v o c a t e @ health.mil Do not send protected health information.

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### HOUSING UPDATES



■ The **DEADLINE TO APPLY** for the 2025 Michaels Education Foundation Resident Scholarship Program is April 15. Go to tmoef.communityforce.com to apply. E-mail scholarships@tmo.com for assistance, if needed.

■ PETS MUST BE LEASHED and accompanied by owners outside fenced areas. CLEAN UP after pets daily.

■ Complete the Army FY25 **HOUSING TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY**. Check e-mail (including spam) for the link. Contact the Housing Office at 913-682-6300 for help. Survey deadline is May 31, 2025.

■ Residents need to submit their "NO-TICE OF INTENT TO VACATE" with orders to fhcntv@tmo.com. Find the form at https://www.frontierheritagecommunities.com/residents.

■ For **RESIDENTS STAYING** at Fort Leavenworth, provide orders to fhc@tmo.com to update status.

■ Mass **PRE-INSPECTIONS** will occur March 31 through April 18th. Command and General Staff College students staying for the School of Advanced Military Studies do not need to participate. Provide updated status to be removed from the inspection schedule. Inspectors are running ahead of schedule — they may offer an earlier inspection. Early inspections are optional. To keep original date, inform the inspector. Contact the Community Management Office at 913-682-6300 with questions.

■ The heating system is off at IN-FANTRY BARRACKS, and the transition to cooling will take a week. Updates on cooling system activation will be provided. Contact maintenance at 913-651-3838 with questions.



Planning a PCS move with pets somewhere outside the continental United States?

Contact the Fort Leavenworth Veterinary Treatment Facility at 913-684-6510 to discuss requirements to take your pets overseas, to include Hawaii and Alaska.

There are different requirements based on location, and in some cases it is necessary to begin the process to obtain a health certificate for your pet months in advance.

Contact the Fort Leavenworth Veterinary Treatment Facility for more information at 913-684-6510.

■ Wallace Commercial Landscaping is TRIMMING YARDS in housing areas. Use "No Mow" stakes for them to avoid your yard or flower beds. Wallace will begin spring herbicide (pet and human safe) application April 7.

■ Door hangers will be delivered a week before **RADON TESTING**, and e-mail updates will be sent. Midwest Radon, accompanied by a Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities maintenance technician, will deploy and retrieve the tests. Results are typically available 10 business days after collection. Testing is mandatory for all units not tested in the last two years. Contact the FLFHC Maintenance Office at 913-651-3838 with questions.





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# **NEW CDC DETOUR ROUTE**

FORT LEAVENWORTH



The previous CDC construction detour, from Iowa to Kansas Ave, has been modified to reroute traffic away from densely populated areas. The new detour (yellow trace), will route traffic northwest to 5th Artillery Rd and toward the cemetery and golf course.

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Gather your team, put on some jeans, and jo SHARP and Strike Zone Bowling Center for a special Denim Day Bowling Tournament!

### Wednesday April 30 2:00pm Strike Zone Bowling **165 Fourth St** \$7.50 per pe

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### WEDNESDAY APRIL 30TH

Wear denim with a purpose on this day to show your support in ending sexual violence and victim blaming. Denim Day is an international day created in response to an Italian Supreme Court decision that overruled a 1998 rape conviction. The judge had claimed that the victim's jeans were so tight that they must have taken them off consensually

HELP US STOP VICTIM BLAMING BY MAKING THE STATEMENT CLOTHING HAS NEVER, AND WILL NEVER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH SEXUAL VIOLENCE"



Sexual Assault Awareness and **Prevention Month** 

Join us to bring awareness to prevention efforts and to honor and remember victim's of sexual assault

> Thursday, 10 April 2025 6pm - 7pm

> Post Parade Field Fort Leavenworth, KS



First Responders, rallying together to provide information and support to the FTLVN community

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To fight it Together.

Sexual assault

affects us all.

lt's on us

**"STEP FORWARD.** Prevent. Report. Advocate."

Friday, 18 April @ Post Exchange (PX) from 1100-1430

 Veterans
 Crisis Line DIAL 988 then PRESS

> It takes strength to reach out for support.

### The Safe Helpline is available 24/7 for victims of sexual assault.

Talk to someone who understands:

safehelpline.org



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Located at the corner of **Kearny Avenue and** McClellan Avenue, next to the Post Parade Field

**Ft Leavenworth SHARP Resource Center** Building 197, 632 McClellan Ave Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027 Contact the team at usarmy.leavenworth.cac.mbx.cac-sharp@army.mil

#### We Have Realigned Under an Installation Model

AAFES, ACS, AFC, ARI, CDID, Cemetery, CID, CPAC, DeCA, Team 1 DES, DLA, DMPA, FMWR, LRC, MCCoE, MICC, Museum, NEC, PAO, RCI Housing, TDS/SJA, TRAC, USAFMSA, USAG HQ, USASMDC, USD 207, and US STAG CMD.

CAC HQ, CAC-T HQ, MCTP, NSC, STB, TMD, 505th CCW Team 2 and 500th/67th MP





Army U, CGSC, Dental, DLI, MAHC staff, Patients, SAMS, SOF, TRADOC, Veterinarian, and Other Service Staff ant personnel





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#### Fort Leavenworth 24/7 SHARP Hotline 913-683-1443 **DoD Safe Help Line** 877-955-5247

**Sexual Harassment Complaint Reporting Option** Formal | Anonymous | Confidential **Sexual Assault Reporting Option** Restricted | Unrestricted | CATCH-Only **Retaliation Reporting Options** Command | IG | SARC | DoD Safe Helpline | CPAC (DA Civ Only)



STEP FORWARD: Prevent. Report. Advocate. Current as of 18 March 2025

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Mon- Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. with limited hours Thur 1-4:00 p.m. | 913-684-HELP (4357) / 2800

**APRIL 2025** Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave, Building 198 \*\*\*ACS is closed for lunch from 1130-12:30pm daily\*\*

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM \*\*Call 913-297-3212/ 9704 to register for all NPSP classes & events

Stroller Walk Tuesdays, 10:00am Meet in front of Resiliency Center

**Toddler Time** Wednesdays, 9:00am Resiliency Center Playroom

Story Time Wednesdays, 10:00am Resiliency Center, Room 157



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

Wiggles and Giggles Fridays, 10:00am Resiliency Center Playroom



Newborn Care Class April 7, 5:00-7:00pm

**Breastfeeding Class** April 14, 5:00-7:00pm

Dad's Night Out April 23, 6:00-8:00pm Restaurant TBD

Potty Training April 28, 5:00-7:00pm Resiliency Center, Room 157

Mom's Night Out April 30, 6:00-8:00pm Restaurant TBD



FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

\*\*Registration Required for all FAP events. Classes at Resiliency Center, Room 145

**CAPM Rock Painting** April 1 & 22, 10:00-11:00am

**Co-Parenting Workshop** April 7,14, 21, 28 12:00-1:00pm



Anger Management April 17 11:30am- 1:00pm

**Crocheting Club** April 18, 1:00-3:00pm

Prevention in the Park April 25, 2:00-4:00pm Rain Date: April 30

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**Muffins With Mom** May 16, 1:00-3:00pm



**Father Daughter Tea** Party June 1, 2:00-14:00pm

Father/Son Scavenger Hunt June 7, 9:00-11:00am



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

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facebook.com/FortLeavenworthFMWR https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/

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**Toddler Time** Playgroup

ACS Family Advocacy New Parents Support Program

Free toddler 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







Jan 31, Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 18, May 16 1pm - 3pm **Room 145** 600 Thomas Ave

> Come join our Crocheting Club and learn a new skill, or perfect an existing one!

> "Stitch" together, connect & create! Supplies will be provided! Have a favorite yarn? You're welcome to bring it!

> > Please RSVP one day prior to class Call 913-684-2808/2800

> > > MWF

FREE!

Ages 8+

## STRESS MANAGEMENT Thursdays; Sept 12, Nov 14, Jan 16, Mar 27

1130 - 1300 ACS Conference Room 145 Registration Required (must register by the day before the class you want to attend.) Classes are for 18 and over. no childcare will be provided.

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**ACS Family Advocacy New Parents Support Program** 





#### 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

FREE

Ages 3-12 months

**Register by COB** 

Thursday



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

Ages 3 months – 3 years with Guardian • Resiliency Center

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.

Army Community Service | Resiliency Center | 600 Thomas Ave. | Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Registration required, cut off is day before event (913) 297-3212 or (913) 684-2800





www.facebook.com/acs.fortlea



Fridays

10am -11am

**ACS Playroom** 

600 Thomas Ave

Get their wiggles out and join in some baby giggles! Take a moment to connect with other parents! Babies learn through play! So let's get on the floor and explore!

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We wanna go..



For more info or to register call 913-297-3212/ 9704



#### MILPARENTS ROCK: Rock Painting

April 1 & 22 . 10AM - 11AM Resiliency Center · 600 Thomas Ave.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During April, FAP / NPSP will be sponsoring events focused on stress reduction and family fun. Come celebrate with us to Ronor military parents and children by painting rocks for your own personal rock garden.

upplies will be provided. Registration is not required, just show up! Event is FREE and open to Dop ID card Rolders 2-. For more info call. (913) 684-2808

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### ACS AND FAP PRESENTS: POSITIVE PARENTING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS • 1:30PM - 3PM

ROUND 1: OCTOBER 18, OCT 25, NOV 1, AND NOV 8 ROUND 2: NOV 22, DEC 6, DEC 13, AND DEC 20 ROUND 3: JAN 10, JAN 17, JAN 24, JAN 31 ROUND 4: FEB 7, FEB 14, FEB 21, FEB 28 ROUND 5: MAR 7, MAR 14, MAR 21, MAR 28

THIS FOUR-WEEK COURSE IS DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS DEVELOP NON-PHYSICAL DISCIPLINE STRATEGIES, BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS. AND MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.

FREE AND OPEN TO DOD ID CARD HOLDERS 18+.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE DONE** THE DAY BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF TRAINING.

PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND EACH DATE IN THE ROUND OF THEIR CHOICE.

INFO THE REGISTRATION: (913) 684-2808/2822



### DAD'S NIGHT

#### OUT

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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#### MWR) ACS **New Parent Support** Prenatal Classes 2025

Childbirth Classes: Series of three Jan 6th, 13th, 27th Mar 3rd, 10th, 17th May 5th, 12th, 19th July 14th, 21st, 28th Sep 8th, 15th, 22nd Nov 3rd, 17th, 24th

**2025 DATES:** 

Jan 22 • Feb 19 • March 19 • April 23

May 21 • June 18 • July 23 • Aug 20

Sept 17 • Oct 22 • Nov 12 • Dec 3

Time: 6PM • Restaurants TBD

Childcare, food, and drinks are

For more info: (913) 297-3212 or (913) 684-2800

For Dads with children 0-3 years old.

not provided.

Newborn Care Classes: Feb 3rd April 7th June 2nd Free August 4th October 6th for **December 1st** Expectant Breastfeeding Classes: Parents! February 10th April 14th June 9th 600 Thomas Ave August 11th Room 157 October 20th All classes are from **December 8th** 5 pm - 7 pm ine for Regi Contact 913-297-3212



This 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.

2025 Dates: Jan 29 • Feb 26 • March 26 • April 30

May 28 • June 25 • July 30 • Aug 27

Sept 24 • Oct 29 • Nov 19 • Dec 10

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

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### **Teen Employment** Workshop

Picking your future career is just one piece of the puzzle.

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The Teen Employment Workshop takes the guesswork out of job searching, resume building, and tailoring your skills to the job that you want!

Learn how to fit the pieces together to create an exciting picture of your future career goals!



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FREE! Registration is rec uired the day before the workshop For ages 14 - 20 For more info please call 913-684-2800



Victim Advocate Hotline: (913) 684-2537 Child Abuse Hotline: (913) 684-2111 SHARP Hotline: (913) 683-1443 Chaplain: (913) 683-1443 **AER Assistance After Hours:** American Red Cross at (877) 272-7337





safehelpline.org | 877-995-5247



June 7 0900-1100 Hunt Lodge

Looking to get outside and have some fun?

**Geared toward Active** Duty Dads with sons ages 12 and under, this FREE event celebrates Dads Make a Difference Month

There will be multiple utdoor stations where outdoor stations where fathers can pass on their knowledge of military training to their sons. Together, they will complete physical activities such as low crawling, archery, and a three-legged race!

Wear outdoor play clothes, sunscreen, and bug spray. Water will be provided.

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red/ Call 913-684-2808/ 2822 to register before May 30



RMY COMMUNITY SERVICE \*

Mon- Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. with limited hours Thur 1-4:00 p.m. | 913-684-HELP (4357) / 2800

**APRIL 2025** Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave, Building 198 \*\*\* ACS is closed for lunch from 1130-12:30pm daily\*\*

#### **RELOCATION READINESS** PROGRAM

In-Processing Brief Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am

**OCONUS Levy Brief** Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am

**Hearts Apart Bowling** for Families of Deployed Service Members April 5, 12:00-2:00pm Strike Zone Bowling Center \*Registration Required

#### Lending Closet

Are you In/Out-Processing and need essentials? ACS has short-term basic items to help you get by.

- kitchenware
- cookware
- small appliances

Smooth Move offered upon request.



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#### EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

**Resume Writing** April 9, 12:00-2:00pm & \*\*Evening 5:00-7:00pm

Federal Employment April 16, 12:00-2:00pm & \*\*Evening 5:00-7:00pm

**Teen Employment** Workshop April 18, 10:00am-12:00pm

Interview Skills & Professionalism April 30, 12:00-2:00pm

Visit us on FB @Fort Leavenworth ERP for job postings.

#### EXCEPTIONIAL FAMLY MEMBER PROGRAM

(EFMP) \*Registration Required for

**EFMP Refreshing** 

**EFMP Recreational Bowling** April 5, 12:00-2:00pm

FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM Offers

counseling services and classes upon request to assist Soldiers and their families in achieving personal financial goals.

#### ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS

Volunteer Basics April 4, 12:00 - 1:00pm



Visit: https:// to register for an account and the community.

#### ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

(AER) provides emergency assistance to active duty service members, their families, and retired service members.

For emergency financial assistance, apply at https:// www.armyemergencyrelief.org/ and call the ACS main line during duty hours to follow up.

#### SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

April 5th is Gold Star Spouses Day. Gold Star Spouses are the resilient legacies of their service member's sacrifice to the nation.



Follow SOS@ https:// www.facebook.com/ FortLeavenworthSurvivorOutreachS ervices/





#### ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE LOAN CLOSET FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS 913-684-2830/2800

Who: All Active Duty, Retiree, DA Civilian and their family members who are either per party, TDY or PCSing. When: M-F 0730-1630

Where: 600 Thomas Avenue (Pull into the Alley behind the ACS building and call the number the black sign

Rules: Loans are limited to 30 days for in and out- processing personnel. This can be exten by phone if needed. Checkout of items for an event is limited to 10 days. Customers are responsible for replacing any item that is damaged or lost.

#### Items available

Veggie Steamers Large Kitchen Knives Mixing Bowls Skillets

Pots with Lids

Pre-Packed Kitchen Kit: 1 Bowl (mixing) 1 Pitcher 1 Colander 1 Large Kitchen Knife 4 Steak Knives 1 Peeler 1 Cookie Sheet Cutting Board 2 Serving Spoons 1 Spatula 4 Plastic Glasses 1 Can Opener 1 Set of Measuring Spoons 1 Skillet 1 Skillet 2 Pots with Lids 4 Plates 4 Bowls 4 Coffee cups 4 Forks 1 Measuring Cup 1 Pot Holder 4 Spoons 4 Knives Additional Items Cheese Graters Plates Bowls Coffee Cups Pizza Cutters Spaghetti Servers Blenders Coffee Makers Crock Pots Toasters Tongs Whisks Whisks Glass Baking Dishes-Rectangle Glass Baking Dishes-Circle Muffin Pans Hand Mixers Rice Cookers Microwaves Indoor Grills Electric Skillets Plastic Glasses

Square Tables Circle Tables Folding Chairs Strollers Baby Gates Booster Seats Cribs High Chairs High Chairs Pack and Play Laundry Baskets Sleeping Mats Irons Ironing Boards Trash Cans

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anger and ways anger is expressed. Build skills to deal with strong and destructive behavior and emotions.

FREE and open to DoD ID card holders 18 and above.

**Childcare not provided** 

Registration is required, and must be done the day before the class.

For more info or to registe call, (913) 684-2808/2822

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EFMP events

Conversation April 3, 10:00-11:00am

Strike Zone Bowling Center

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Learn how to submit someone for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal ACB (MOVSM) to recognize their volunteer efforts.

vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com find opportunities to volunteer in

facebook.com/FortLeavenworthFMWR https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/

Here are few tips for pedestrians and and drivers to be aware of when traveling on post.



#### HEADS UP PEDESTRIANS!

- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available
- · Look up from your phone and pay attention when approaching a crosswalk
- Watch for vehicles turning left or right before you cross
- Whenever possible, cross streets
- at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians
- Wear bright or reflective clothing during reduced visibility so drivers can see you
- Put away all distractions and pay attention to the road Always look out for pedestrians Obey the posed speed limit Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks When opening your vehicle door be alert for bicyclists
- When paralleling a sidewalk and making a right turn, be sure to check your right rear

ACS Classroom • Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave. Wednesdays • 12PM - 2PM\*

Employment Readiness Program Classes

Utensils





Registration is required for evening classes only. Open to DoD ID card holders.

For more info call: (913) 684-2800



#### **Cybercrime Prevention Flyer Government Agency Text Scams**

convenience and immediacy in communication offered by text messaging, many people are more likely to readity che sesages and respond quickly as compared to email or answering a phone call. As ophercriminals and scammers are w ted with the most effective means to communicate with unsuspecting victums, and due to the proliferation of cell phon imately 310 million in the U.S. as of 2024), sending a convincing scam via text can be an effective meshod f elements to engage unsuspecting individuals. A single reply by one victim can net a cybercriminal hundreds or ev rds of dollars; the potential amounts are even higher with multiple replies.

To add authenticity, scammers often draft a convincing text message purported to come from an official local, state, federal agency. Some common scam themes include:

- IRS Sc gency. Some common scam themes include: **IRS Scam** - Often seen during tax season, IRS themed messages reques personal information to process a refund or recalculate tax amounts. Pay might be requested to allow the recipient of the taxt to avoid prosecution or having their social security number canceled.
- Social Security Scam Frequently targeting older adults, Social Sec scams often revolve around overpayment, suspension of benefits, requests for additional information necessary for a payment increase.
- U.S. Postal Service Using notification of an incoming package, scammers request recipients to click on a provided link which then leads to a website requesting personal or financial information.

- Bear in mind that the IRS does not text taxpayers; the IRS contacts taxpayers through the U.S. Postal Service unless in special circumstances wherein taxpayers would be contacted by phone.
- Do not click on links received in text messages, or reply to text messages, if the sender is unknown or the message



#### Supervision of Children or Home Alone Policy Per CAC Supplement to Army Regulation 608-18

a history of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Developmental Delay, behavioral problems, impulsivity, psychi eds should not be given the degree of self-management or resp

#### HOME ALONE?

- Birth to 9 years old NEVER Ages 10 A 11 Can be left up to 2 hours with an emergency plan in place and access to an adult (NEVER exempling) but not dropped off at FAMWR without adult supervision Ages 12 to 14 Up to 3 hours with an emergency plan in place and an adult checking on them in person or telephonically (NEVER overnight) Ages 15 to 17 Up to 6 hours (NEVER overnight) with an emergency plan in place and access to an adult

#### BABYSITTING?

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- Birth to 11 years old NEVER Ages 12 to 14 Mast have completed a CYS approved babysitting course. May babysit with an checking an them every 3 hours in person or telephonically (NEVER overnight) Ages 15 to 17 Mast have completed a CYS approved babysitting course. May babysit up to 6 or with ready access to addit supervision (NEVER bernight)

#### UNATTENDED IN VEHICLE?



- UNATTENDED OUTSIDE?
- Birth 4 years Direct supervision, NEVER LEFT ALONE
  - Birth 4 years Direct supervision, NEVER LEPT ALONE (Ages 3 to 6 Immediate supervision, MUST be within excession to nearing distance -respond to an emergency in 30 seconds (Ages 7 to 9 Mentered supervision, 1f in a playground or yard access to adult supervision at all times (Ages 10 A 11 Self-care supervision up to 2 hours with access to adult supervision (Ages 15 to 14 Self-care supervision up to 5 hours (Ages 15 to 14 Self-care supervision up to 6 hours) MUST be within eyesight or hearing distance from supervising adult with the ab

- not be dropped off at F&A

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- Grade and above May walk to and from school and supervised activities alone aring school year children 9 & younger must be escorted across heavy traffic roads (i.e., Grant, Hancock and Biddle)
- CURFEW (Children must b Ages 15 and younger is 2230-0600 ho Ages 16 and 17 is 0030-0600 hours. ted for by a parent during the following time pe

s? Call Family Advacacy Program Manager (FAMM) at (2007, 1) Military Police at (313) 684-3456 romolete Supervision of Children and Home Alone Post Policy please contact the FAPM. lanager (FAPM) at (913) 684-2822, Behavioral Health at (913) 684-









FLKS Garrison Safety Office: usarmy.leavenworth.id-training.mbx.safe@army.mil

- Speeding and Parking Ticket Scams This scam involves a text indicating recipient's vehicle was exceeding the speed limit or parked illegally, and a citation was issued; it then requests payment to avoid a court appearance. Jury Duty Text Scam – Seemingly sent from a court with a claim the recipient missed jury duty and is required to pay a fine or provide personal information to avoid jail time or fines.
- Other Government Agency Scams Within a month of the establishm the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), scammers began targeting government personnel with DOGE themed scams.



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON by Henri Nouwen

#### LEARN MORE >>

Find our complete calendar on Facebook 'CWOC Fort Leavenworth'



Join us for an Egg Hunt following Easter Mass! Bring the whole family for a short walk to the original Saint Ignatius grounds. Donuts will be served after the egg hunt.

EGG HUNT | DONUTS | PRIZES

20 APRIL 2025 | AFTER MASS Original Saint Ignatius Ground Pope Ave, Fort Leavenworth



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Spring Canyon Conference Center Buena Vista, CO leavenworth@ocfusa.org

### Fort Leavenworth Lent and Holy Week Services

"The Best Hometown in the Army

#### Easter Sunrise Service: 0630-0730

#### **Protestant Christian Services**

#### Ash Wednesday Services (05MAR25)

0730: Protestant - Lewis & Clark Building (Faculty Lounge) 1730 Anglican/Liturgical - Memorial Chapel

#### Lenten Lunch (1200-1300)

12 MAR - Frontier Cha	pel, RM 153
19 MAR - Frontier Chap	el, RM 153
26 MAR - Frontier Chap	el, RM 153
2 APR - Frontier Char	oel, RM 153
9 APR - Frontier Char	oel, RM 153

#### Good Friday Services (18APR25)

1800: Protestant Community - Frontier Chapel

\*\*\*Regular Chapel Schedule on 20 April 2025

#### **Catholic Services**





#### 1200 - Pioneer Chapel

#### Stations of the Cross (1730-1900)

- 07 MAR: Station of the Cross Pioneer Chapel
- 14 MAR: Stations of the Cross Pioneer Chape 21 MAR: Stations of the Cross - Pioneer Chapel
- 28 MAR: Stations of the Cross Pioneer Chapel
- 04 APR: Stations of the Cross Pioneer Chapel
- 11 APR: Stations of the Cross Pioneer Chapel

Holy Thursday Mass (17APR25) - 1800 Pioneer Chapel

Good Friday Service (18APR25) - 1500 Pioneer Chapel

Easter Vigil Mass (19APR25) - 2000 Pioneer Chapel

Easter Mass (20APR25)- 0930 Frontier Chapel



#### 2025 Jewish Passover: Fort Leavenworth

#### Jewish Passover: 12-20 APR 25

Frontier Chapel (625 Thomas Avenue) will remain open from 0900-1700 during Duty day for Service members and Families to pray and observe the Jewish Passover.

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

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







Each Date Night begins with a faith-based marriage enrichment presentation. Then couples are released to go out on a date and further discuss the topic together. Children will remain







Calling all Units and Organizations, Scouts, ROTC, Students. WE'RE BACK - but we need your help!!! It takes a village to keep a village going Be a part of making Fort Leavenworth The Best Hometown in the Army!

Call (913) 684-2736 to Volunteer at the Theater today

safely supervised by childcare professionals at Frontier Chapel (6-10 pm or pick up kids earlier)!

For more information and to register scan the QR code or call 913-680-7336





Lost kids in Christ-sharing relationships

000 Meetings with students to focus on their JJŬ individual needs

Small Group meetings to dive deeper into the Word

LITARY CHILD April 2025







FB: Ft. Leavenworth Club - Campus Life Military IG: @campuslifefortleavenworth

(605) 569-3820 / sodle@vfc.nel

Anytime, Anywhere. inancial

#### frontierccu.org (913) 651-6575





### **Volunteers** Needed

Love history? Enjoy interacting with people? This volunteer position is for you!

The Frontier Army Museum is searching for front desk volunteers. Volunteers will greet guests, answer questions, and perform additional tasks as needed.

Tuesdays (9-3), Fridays (9-3), and Saturdays (10-3) Hours are flexible. 16 and older.



Please contact Megan Hunter if interested megan.m.hunter4.civ@army.mil

> **Frontier Army Museum 100 Reynolds Ave** Fort Leavenworth, KS

#### **2025 Speaker Series** Presented by the Frontier Army Museum & The Friends of the Frontier Army Museum (FFAM)

All presentations are free to the public and will be located at the Frontier Army Museum 100 Reynolds Ave Fort Leavenworth, KS

#### **FEBRUARY**

Wednesday February 26th. 5:30p: "A Kansas Soldier at War" with Ken Spurgeon

#### MARCH

Saturday March 22nd, 10:30am History Brunch: "A Contribution to Victory: Western University's Vocational Training Program for World War I with Dr. Bernard Harris JR. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Frontier Army Museum will be served prior to the presentation.

Wednesday March 26th, 5:30pm: "Fort Leavenworth and Early Local Communities " with Gary Hyder

#### APRIL

Saturday April 5th, 10:30am History Brunch: "Moroccan Participation in WWI and II" with MAJ Zakariae Tiddarine . Light refreshments provided by Friends of the Frontier Army Museum will be served prior to the presentation.

Saturday April 12th, 10:30a History Brunch: "10th Mountain Division during World War II" with National WWI Museum and Memorial Curator Dr. Chris Juergens. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Frontier Army Museum will be served prior to the presentation.

Wednesday April 30th, 5:30p: "Religion in Early Leavenworth History " with Raymond Powell

All presentations will be streamed live and recorded on the Friends of the Frontier Army Museum Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ftleave



#### COMMUNITY REMINDER: PET POLICY GUIDELINES

TO ENSURE A CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO FOLLOW OUR COMMUNITY PET POLICY: Se LEASHING REQUIREMENT: PETS MUST ALWAYS BE ON A LEASH AND ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR OWNER WHEN OUTSIDE OF A FENCED AREA. FREE ROAMING IS NOT PERMITTED.

℁ WASTE DISPOSAL: PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET DAILY TO MAINTAIN A TIDY AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR BEING A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER AND HELPING

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!



#### Base visitors: **REAL ID Required after May 7, 2025**

#### Know the difference

#### **REAL ID Driver License**

A REAL ID is usually marked by a GOLD STAR in the upper-right hand corner, depending on the issuer.

43 Meets the new federal security standards

47 May be used to board domestic flights

- C Enter MILITARY BASES, secure federal facilities, and nuclear power plants starting May 7, 2025
- Anyone coming onto base as a sponsored guest after the deadline will need a Real ID.
- 4 U.S. Department of Defense ID, including IDs issued to dependents are considered to be Real ID compliant.

#### **Standard Driver License**

It will not have a gold star marking in the upper-right hand corner. If you plan to fly domestically, a REAL ID is recommended.

- Does not meet the new federal security standards
- Cannot use to board domestic flights starting after the new May 7, 2025 deadlin
- Cannot use to enter military bases, secure federal facilities, or nuclear power plants starting May 7,2025

**REAL ID** is a federal security credential added to State-Issued Driver Licenses and Identification Cards that establishes a minimum security standard required for specific activities.











### Help Shelter Pets!

They need your help for walks and general care!

They enjoy the love, attention, and affections, too!

Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility

510 Organ Avenue

Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

#### Several shifts to choose from

Want to know how to join our team?

Register at https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/.

Once registered, we will contact you and have you come in for a training with a team member.

After you train, you shadow two shifts. Then you are ready to help shelter pets!

Watch the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility Facebook page for training events!

Once you register, train, and shadow, you can sign up for any shift you can cover.

Children under 18 can help, but they must be accompanied by an adult the entire shift.



Work with either our cats or dogs or both!







### March & April

### Workshops

#### Watercolor

#### \$30 per workshop

Watercolor (Basic Techniques) Wednesday, March 5 11am - 1pm

Watercolor (Color Theory) Wednesday, March 12 11am - 1pm

Watercolor (Spring Florals) Wednesday, March 26 11am - 1pm

Watercolor (Landscapes) Wednesday, April 9 11am - 1pm







Call now to register! 913-684-3373



### OPEN STUDIO

Hours 10am - 5pm T - F Ask about our Hourly Fees

#### Multi-Craft Room

Come use our provided supplies to craft with the whole family!

#### Painting Studio

Provided watercolor and acrylic supplies to create your own masterpiece.

**Framing Studio** Must take Intro to Framing before using DIY Framing Studio.

> **Pottery Studio** (Coming Soon!)



#### **Basics**

#### \$20 per class

Tuesday April 15 1:30pm - 3pm

#### **Special Projects**

**Birthday Cards** Tuesday April 29 1:30pm - 3pm

#### Intermediate

#### \$20 per class

Tuesday April 22 1:30pm - 3pm



#### Reoccurring Classes MUST PRE-REGISTER

Intro to Framing \$40 per class Every 2nd Friday & 4th Sat of the month 10am - 2pm

> Paint & Sip \$35 per session

Every 2nd Friday of the month 6pm - 8pm Must be 21 years or older.

#### Come see what's new at the Studio!

leavenworth.armymwr.com

### March & April Workshops

#### Acrylic

\$35 per class

Acrylic Pour Tuesday, April 22 6pm - 8pm



Framing



\$35 per class Hello Spring Wooden Sign Tuesday, March 25

6pm - 8pm Friday. March 28 11am - 1pm

Pressed Flower Jewelry Dish



Paint & Sip \$35 Must be 21 years or older. BYOB



Kids Arts & Crafts

#### Messy Art

\$12 per class (ages 7+)

Thursday, March 6 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday, April 3 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday, April 17 10:30am - 11:30am

Art History

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\$15 per class (ages 7+)

Waffles & Warhol Wednesday, March 26 1pm - 3pm

Donuts & da Vinci Wednesday, April 16 1pm - 3pm



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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025





Combo leagues shoot on Thursday evenings. Teams consist of 5(+/-) shooters.

June 25 August 27 September 24 \$5 FOR SCRAMBLE \$15 FOR MEAL Players registered in the Monday Intramural

April 30

League, Tuesday Women's League, Wednesday eague, and Couples Thursday League are eligible to participate in the Combined League Scramble. The Pro Shop will assign teams. Enjoy drink specials all night at The Fairway Grille! Register by COB on Monday of each week

For more information call 913-651-7176 or visit leavenworth.armymwr.com

### Intramural Volleyball League

Season Starts: April 2 Games: Tues. and Thurs 5:30PM - 8:30PM Harney Sports Complex

Team Rosters and/or Letters of Intent due COB Wed, March 27

**Open to Active Duty, DoD Civilian** tirees. Dependents. Spouses, and

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

Lil Weenie

**18 October** 





RER RANGE BRI MWR For more information (913) 651-8132 701 Sheridan Dr. Fort Leavenworth, 1 orth, KS 66027 Special Fun Shoots Fun Shoot League Schedule Ist Saturday of every mont Winter Combo Rod & Gun 4 January 1 February VFW Post 12003 Spring Combo 1 March Summer Warm-up Lil Weenie 5 April 5 June - 10 July 17 July - 21 August 3 May **Club Championship** Fall Combo 7 June One Gun/One Choke 5 July Winter Warm-up 13 Nov - 18 Dec Shuck n' Chuck 2 August 6 September American Legion Post 411 20 September 4 October 1 November Rod & Gun 6 December Lil Weenie CLOSED M, T, F SCAN III Fun Shoots begin at 9:00am Rod & Gun begin at 6:00pm









FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2024



### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

FREE! \*Enroll now at



Offering: Homework Help STEM Programs THE HARDING PROJECT LTC Zach Griffiths, Dr. Trent Lythgoe, and COL(R) Rich Creed join our host LTC Lisa Becker to talk about The Harding Project. They discuss how Army Professionals advance the Profession of Arms through professional writing and discourse. They examine myths of writing, tips to get better at writing,

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#### Harrold Youth Center 45 Biddle Blvd 913-684-5118

HYC Hours Mon -Thurs 3PM -7PM Friday 3PM - 9PM Saturday 2pm - 8pm Closed Sunday

> Administrative Hours Monday - Friday 9AM - 6PM

> > \*HYC is for 6th -12th Graders only. Must be registered with CYS Parent Central prior to enrolling. Contact **913-684-5138** for more info

on registration and eligibility





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# MUNSON NOTES

### MUNSON NOTICES

■ Munson Army Health Center is currently scheduling **ROUTINE EYE EXAMS** with the optometrist for school-aged beneficiaries ages 6 years and older. Call the appointment line at 913- 684-6250 to schedule an eye exam.

■ The NUTRITION CARE DIVISION offers a broad range of nutritional services designed for service members, families, and retirees. Individual Nutrition Therapy and Group Nutrition Therapy are available, and include the Body Composition Program, Weight Control Program, Prenatal Nutrition and Wellness for Life. Call the appointment line at 913-684-6250 to schedule an appointment with MAHC's registered dietitian.

■ SEASONAL ALLERGY MEDICA-TIONS are available from the MAHC Pharmacy at no cost. Simply come to the pharmacy and fill out the OTC request form. Pull a ticket and you'll be called to activate your request. Then you can sit and wait until your meds are ready, or if you choose to return later in the day, you can just process to Window 7. At MAHC, Military Health System beneficiaries can pickup two over-the-counter medications without a prescription per person per week from the pharmacy with no out-of-pocket expense.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENT CHECK-IN: Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment to complete any required paperwork and bring the following items: DoD ID card; list of current medications including over-the-counter meds, vitamins, and supplements; any relevant paperwork or forms; and a list of questions or concerns. If you are not able to make your scheduled appointment, call the appointment line at (913) 684-6250 to cancel.

■ Munson Army Health Center is looking for volunteers to join the **PATIENT AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL**. Volunteers can be active-duty, active-duty family members, retirees or retiree family members. The PFPC meets quarterly. If interested, call 913-684-6211/6127.

# **Speak up!** Your voice matters

Volunteer to become a patient and family advisor on our patient and family partnership council

The Patient and Family Partnership Council captures the voices and insights of patients and families to improve the care experience.

### Is being a patient and family advisor right for you?

#### We are looking for volunteers who can:

- Partner with other patients and staff to help improve care
- Represent the interests of all patients cared for by the military treatment facility
- Work well in teams and have fun!





Patient and Family Advisors







Learn more about the Patient and Family Partnership Council! For more information, contact:

Munson Army Health Center Patient Advocates at 913-684-6211/6127

Text "Get in Line" to 1-833-851-1505 and then follow the prompt to activate new prescriptions

## MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER

■ Munson Army Health Center Pharmacy offers patients a variety of **OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AT NO COST** to service members, retirees and familiy members. These items are available without a prescription or medical appointment. These self-care items are comparable to those available for purchase from retail stores and include pain relievers, cough medicine, allergy medication, antibiotic ointment, lice treatment and much more. Visit https://munson.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy and scroll down to the Over-the-Counter Medication Program for details.

■ Service members, retirees, family members and Department of Defense federal employees on Fort Leavenworth are EL-**IGIBLE TO USE THE ARMED FORCES** WELLNESS CENTER FOR FREE. This includes physical fitness testing, body composition analysis, stress management, improving sleep habits and individual health coaching. You set the goals; the AFWC staff puts you on the path to achieving them. Programs are individualized to address your current needs, motivation and confidence level. Visit the Fort Leavenworth AFWC in Eisenhower Hall or call 913-758-3403 to schedule an appointment. The health educators are also available to go mobile, taking their class to units or organizations on post and family readiness groups. To learn more about AFWC services visit https://dvidshub .net/r/8wttlf.

■ Call 913-684-6250 to schedule a **WELL-WOMAN EXAM** at Munson Army Health Center.



Whether you receive care from Munson Army Health Center, or are seen by a provider off post, Q-Anywhere is helpful technology for patients who get new or renewed prescription medication from MAHC's pharmacy. To activate your new or renewed prescription, text "Get in Line" to 1-833-851-1505, then follow the prompts. Q-Anywhere will send a text when your prescription is ready for pick-up. When you arrive, there is no need to pull a pharmacy ticket and wait, just proceed to Window No. 7 to pick up your medication. See page B11 for more MAHC-related information.

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