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## Fort Leavenworth Hunt celebrates 100th anniversary with 3 days of tradition, tribute

by Jim Fain/Fort Leavenworth Hunt

The Fort Leavenworth Hunt (FLH) marked the centennial of its founding with a three-day celebration March 5–7, honoring a century of equestrian tradition, military heritage and community fellowship.

The festivities began Thursday evening with a welcome reception at the Frontier Army Museum. Guests were treated to a historical presentation on the Buffalo Soldiers by Trooper John Bruce, president of the Alexander/Madison Chapter - Greater Kansas City/Leavenworth Area 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association, and Trooper George Pettigrew, the chapter's executive vice president. Both men, certified oral storytellers, shared vivid accounts of the soldiers who served at Fort Leavenworth at the time of the hunt's founding in 1926. Their presentation highlighted the many



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

**Fort Leavenworth Hunt members and guest riders, led by Joint Master of Foxhounds Jim Fain, approach the FLH kennels near Camp Conestoga to assemble for a group photo along the route of a trail ride across post, passing by historic landmarks, to celebrate FLH's 100th anniversary March 6 on McPherson Avenue. The ride was followed by a luncheon, with FLH memorabilia on display, at Hunt Lodge. Other centennial celebration events included a welcome reception March 5 at the Frontier Army Museum and the foxhunting season closing hunt March 7 near Easton, Kansas.**

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## CGSC commandant provides keynote address for symposium

by Sarah Hauck/Command and General Staff College Public Affairs Officer

Command and General Staff College Commandant Col. Ethan Diven provided the keynote address virtually Feb. 26 from Fort Leavenworth for the British Covering Force Symposium 2026 in the United Kingdom, with focus on the changing character of war and how armored forces are adapting to new realities.

U.S. Army and allied leaders are wrestling with how to win on battlefields of new technologies that are challenging armored maneuver.

CGSC students and allied partners learn to execute multi-domain operations as part of joint and multi-national teams. Through curriculum and exercises, like the combined U.S.-U.K. Eagle Owl exercise, students earn valuable knowledge and skills to conduct division-level combat operations in modern warfare.

The symposium conversation was a direct continuation of CGSC's global focus and the larger Army's commitment to sharing lessons learned with allies and partners to solve common problems.

"This is the way that we are going to fight (jointly with British military)," Diven said during his remarks, which were viewed in the United Kingdom via a video call with Diven speaking from Fort Leavenworth. "If we don't agree that we are not good enough yet; the tech that we're experimenting with is getting to some people, but not all the right people and not in the right time; and making sure our leaders are using clear language, we're going to continue to struggle. I share your sense of urgency. I share your lack of satisfaction with how fast we are going."

The audience of officers and senior non-commissioned officers of

the United Kingdom's three armored and recce brigades had vested interest in how to move their forces' cavalry capabilities by examining challenges emerging from the Russia-Ukraine War.

Near omnipresent enemy and defensive drones (among other emerging technologies) has changed how armored, combined arms teams plan for tactical success, Diven said.

Making initial non-human contact with enemy forces has become increasingly important, he said, encouraging experimentation with how the Army sequences and integrates drones and other recon-strike platforms ahead of crewed fighting vehicles.

Old armored team tactics and techniques in today's rapidly changing battlefield creates high-value risk, Diven explained.

"Reconnaissance professionals, and reconnaissance organizations, do not just exist, but will continue to demonstrate their relevance by helping inform a commander's decision to be violent. To commit, not just robots, but ultimately humans to fight and win," he said.

New technologies, like artificial intelligence, digital collaborative command-and-control platforms and data-driven decisions, are influencing how commanders see, describe and direct forces.

These advancements, while allowing more refined, high-speed tactical actions, are generating secondary effects easily detected by increasing overhead surveillance, referred to as signatures, which are basically anything a radar or electronic sensing device can pick up from computers and other devices.

Diven said contemporary command posts and those of a decade

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## AT A GLANCE

■ The Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club is currently accepting **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE** and **GRANT APPLICATIONS** through **March 15**. Visit <https://fortleavenworthspousesclub.org/community-giving> to apply.

■ The **FORT LEAVENWORTH SPOUSES' CLUB** is currently accepting applications for **high school senior scholarships, continuing undergraduate scholarships, spouse education scholarships** and **vocational school/certification program/continuing education units scholarships** through **March 15**. Visit <https://fortleavenworthspousesclub.org/community-giving> to apply.

■ The **COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE FOUNDATION 2026 COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** for spouses, children or grandchildren of U.S. Army Command and General Staff College alumni and others who are life members of the CGSC Foundation's Alumni Association is open for applications through **March 15**. The application is available on the CGSC Foundation website at [www.cgscfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.cgscfoundation.org/scholarships).

■ The Frontier Army Museum, 100 Reynolds Ave., is offering free **SPRING BREAK PROGRAMMING**

for all ages. **Touch a Truck** with the Fort Leavenworth Fire Department is 10 a.m. to noon March 16, **Story time** is at 10 a.m. March 17, an **Operation Wildlife bald eagle presentation** is at 10:30 a.m. March 18, a **Fort Leavenworth nature** presentation is at 10:30 a.m. March 19, and **Children's Pioneer Day** is 10 a.m. to noon March 20.

■ The next **BLOOD DRIVE** is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 18 at Munson Army Health Center. To book a time to give blood or platelets, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

■ The next **JUDAISM 101 LUNCH AND LEARN** is at noon March 25 at Pioneer Chapel. Text 913-963-2646 with questions or for more information.

■ The **LEAVENWORTH CITY-WIDE SPRING CLEANUP** kicks off at 8:30 a.m. April 11. To sign up to volunteer, visit [https://www.leavenworthks.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/restricted\\_updates/page/18830/spring\\_cleanup\\_signup\\_packet.pdf](https://www.leavenworthks.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/restricted_updates/page/18830/spring_cleanup_signup_packet.pdf).

■ **PAIR DAY/KIDS' FEST** is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 11 at Harney Sports Complex. Call 913-684-1830 for more information.

■ **THE MICHAELS ORGANIZATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** is accepting applications through **April 15**. For eligibility requirements visit <https://tmo.com/the-michaels-organization-educational-foundation-encourages-affordable-and-military-housing-residents-to-apply-for-2026-scholarship-program/>. To apply online, visit [tmoef.communityforce.com](https://tmoef.communityforce.com). For assistance, e-mail [scholarships@tmo.com](mailto:scholarships@tmo.com).

■ The 2026 **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION TRAINING** is open for enrollment for the **BASIC RIDER COURSE** and **ADVANCED RIDER COURSE**. For more information and to enroll, visit <https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/my-fort/all-services/safety>.

■ The **FORT LEAVENWORTH OFFICIAL PHOTO STUDIO** is closed temporarily through mid-March as the studio is moved to the second floor of the Garrison Headquarters building. To schedule appointments, visit <https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/my-fort/all-services/photo-studio>.

■ See page B1 (Post Notes section) for **MORE UPCOMING EVENTS**.

# Roadmap to Revolution Part 5

## 1776 – Moore's Creek and 'Common Sense'

by Walter Napier/  
Combined Arms  
Command Deputy  
Command Historian

### U.S. ARMY'S 250th ANNIVERSARY

#### Editor's note:

This is the fifth article in a series about major events of the American War for Independence as part of the celebration of the United States' Semiquincentennial, July 4, 2026, and the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army.

The earliest military action of the American Revolution took place in the northern Colonies. We have already considered the Battles of Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, Fort St. Jean and Quebec. As the war progressed, other Colonies expanded their role in the cause. In 1775, the Royal Governor of North Carolina Josiah Martin admonished his fellow North Carolinians on their representation to the Continental Congress. But by May of that year, growing revolutionary zeal in North Carolina made Martin's continued presence dangerous. In July, Martin escaped the Colony on the British warship *Cruzier*.

In exile, Martin, worked with the British military and developed a plan to retake North Carolina for the crown by using Royalist sympathizers. Martin had difficulty grasping the widespread support for the Patriots and believed that a concentrated military expedition in the south would inspire Loyalist uprisings to root out the revolutionary elements of the region. Gen. Sir Henry Clinton was tasked with opening up the proposed southern front. He set Charleston as his primary goal. If the Loyalist supporters rose up as Martin indicated they would, Clinton could secure the southern theater, hand it over to be governed by the Loyalists and then proceed to link up with Gen. William Howe in the north.

On Jan. 10, 1776, a general call went out across North Carolina for Loyalist volunteers to mobilize. The following month, roughly 1,500 Loyalists mustered at Cross Creek, modern day Fayetteville, North Carolina. The forces headed southeast toward Cape Fear, where they planned to link up with Clinton. This force was early, however, and Clinton's troops had yet to arrive. This intelligence leaked to Patriots that enemy troops had mobilized, and they reacted with a force of their own. The Loyalist commander Gen. Donald MacDonald had reservations about seeking an early engagement, but his untrained force pushed him to do so.

The Revolutionaries began setting up defenses in Wilmington to prepare for the arrival of British reinforcements. About 20 miles outside of Wilmington, the Patriots established a position on a bridge spanning Moore's Creek with approximately 1,000 men. The Loyalist force had dwindled to around half its initial strength by this point but decided to attack the Patriot position. MacDonald had become ill and did not

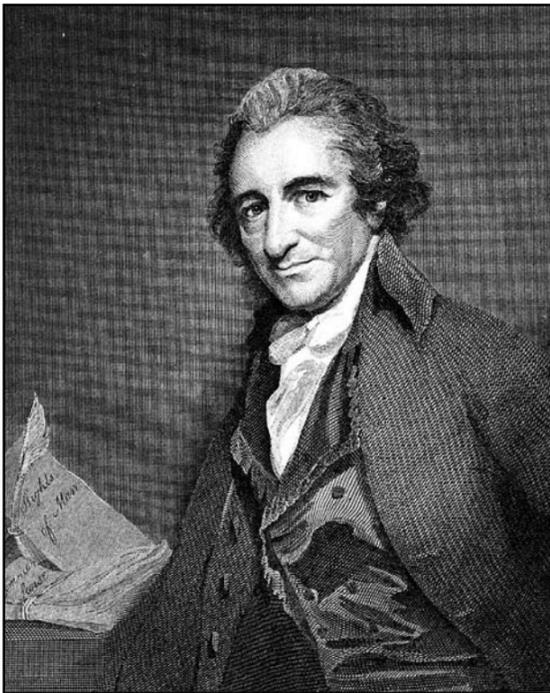
command the force. Instead, Lt. Col. Donald McLeod led the contingent to the bridge. Assessing the situation, McLeod ordered the formation to pull back and allow the rest of the force to catch up with the column. The Loyalist right wing complied, but the left wing continued marching to the bridge.

Just before dawn on Feb. 27, 1776, the left wing, under Capt. Alexander McClean, began taking fire as they approached the Patriot position. Instead of falling back, McClean assaulted the bridge with his element, roughly 80 men. Brandishing Scottish claymores, they charged the Patriots who allowed the attackers to get within 30 yards before opening fire. The small force took heavy losses and quickly fled from the onslaught. However, the Patriots had greased the bridge, causing the Loyalists to stumble, slip and trample their fellow soldiers as they attempted to escape. The Patriots then counterattacked and cut off the enemy's retreat. Only one Patriot died in the battle, meanwhile the Loyalists suffered 30 dead, 40 wounded and around 850 prisoners, including MacDonald.

The Battle of Moore's Creek was a resounding success for the Patriots and marked the first battle fought between Loyalists and Patriot forces. It effectively halted any British designs on the south for the foreseeable future. The British crown declared North Carolina to be in a state of rebellion, and as the year continued, North Carolina would be among the first Colonies to call for a full and complete break with Great Britain.

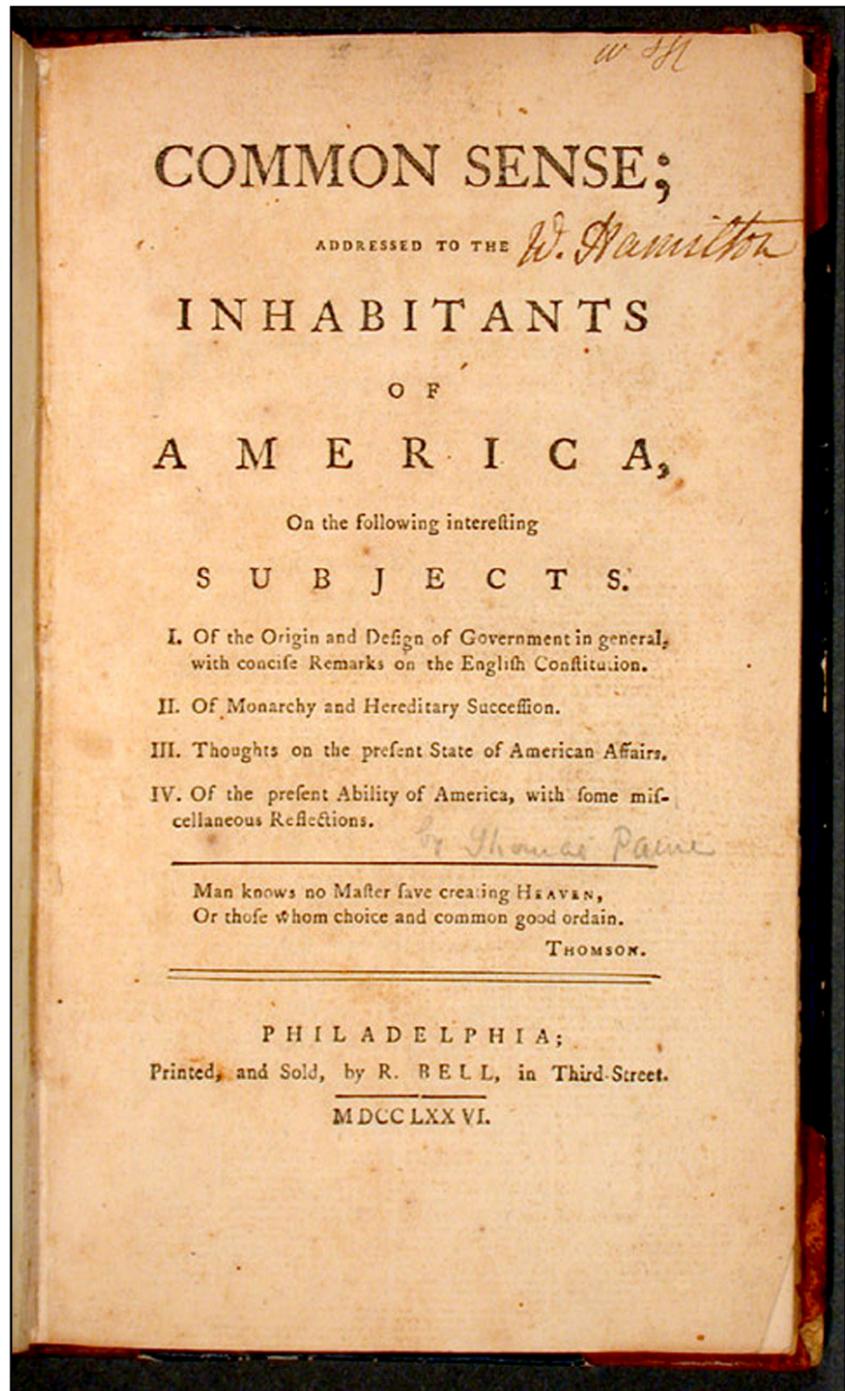
#### 'Common Sense'

Meanwhile, the continued hostilities began altering how the Revolutionaries saw their cause. As we discussed previously, the Americans initially did not push for independence. They simply wanted a rapprochement with the crown for what they saw as injustices inflicted on a loyal popu-



Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C.

A 1793 engraving by William Sharp (1749-1824) of Thomas Paine, author of "Common Sense."



"Common Sense, Thomas Paine," The Lilly Library Online Exhibitions, accessed March 5, 2026, <https://collections.libraries.indiana.edu/lilly/exhibitions/items/show/1778>

Cover page of "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine. This short, 47-page pamphlet set fire to the cause of liberty.

lation. As hostilities continued, however, their stance shifted. On the same day the British call for Loyalists forces went out across North Carolina, Thomas Paine published "Common Sense." This short, 47-page pamphlet set fire to the cause of liberty.

Paine, initially publishing anonymously, argued for a complete break with Great Britain. To Paine, the English system created not one, but two tyrannies – the monarchy and the aristocracy. Both were hereditary and controlled who could access the halls of power. He argues that such an arbitrary division based on name and title is a false one. Since all men are created equal, there is no true distinction between the governed and the governors. By allowing the continuation of the monarchy in the British system, they failed to fully check the powers of the king. In the state of affairs that exists, the American Colonies should establish an independent governmental apparatus based on representation from each of the Colonies.

While Paine's radical vision of independence and democracy did concern some revolutionaries, overall "Common Sense" became an instant hit with the Patriots. Copies sold at an extraordinary rate, and the pamphlet remains the best-selling American publication to this day. Paine opted to write in a simple style that struck at the heart of the movement and proved more accessible and digestible for everyday Americans. As historian Gordan Wood de-

scribes it, "(Paine) consciously and deliberately rejected much of the traditional apparatus of rhetoric and persuasion. ... He refused to decorate his work with Latin quotations and scholarly references."

For Paine, this movement was larger than a dispute over taxation – the revolution was the dawn of a new era, and many Americans agreed. Passages were read aloud in taverns and pubs, and the desire for true independence took root. As George Washington wrote to Joseph Reed on April 1, 1776, "By private letters I have lately received from Virginia, I find 'Common Sense' is working a powerful change there in the minds of many men." While Paine's vision for a more radical democracy did not become the model for the new nation, his direct style and demand for independence greatly inspired its birth.

#### Further Reading:

"Common Sense" (1776), Thomas Paine, widely available online in PDF form, but also still in print.

"Power and Liberty: Constitutionalism in the American Revolution," Gordon S. Wood. Letter from George Washington to Joseph Reed, April 1, 1776 (*The Papers of George Washington* (PGW) IV, 11).

"A Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution," Theodore P. Savas and J. David Dameron.

Peter Feuerherd's "How Thomas Paine Marketed the Revolution," JSTOR digital library.

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# Renovated historic home opens for tours



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

**ABOVE:** Juanita Williams, customer service representative with Michaels Military Housing/Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities, talks with Daisy Martinez and Karmina Baltierra, both residents of Osage Village, as they complete their tour of the renovated historic home at 613 Grant Ave. March 5.

**RIGHT:** Juanita Williams welcomes guests and answers questions during the open house at 613 Grant Ave. March 5.

**BELOW:** A photo on display in the kitchen during the tour March 5 shows the “before” state to highlight improvements made, such as new appliances.



The recently renovated historic home at 613 Grant Ave., built between 1901-1905, was open to the community for tours March 5-6. The Michaels Organization, in partnership with Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities, restored the home to preserve features such as fireplaces, built-in cabinetry and stair railing while replacing the windows and modernizing HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems. The home is a pilot project for other improvements being made to historic housing on post.

Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp



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**ABOVE:** A “before” photo on display shows the transformation to a bathroom during a tour March 5 of the renovated “pilot house” at 613 Grant Ave. Plumbing, HVAC and electrical systems were modernized during the renovation, windows were replaced, and preserved features such as stairs and built-in cabinetry were stripped of lead paint.

**RIGHT:** Natalia London and 5-year-old Keshawn, residents of Osage Village, tour the top floor of 613 Grant Ave. during an open house to showcase recent renovations March 5 in Main Post.



## HOUSING UPDATES

■ The ARMY HOUSING TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY is underway and will remain open through the last week of April. Residents will receive their personalized survey link via e-mail from CEL & Associates. All responses are anonymous, confidential and reviewed directly by the Army. Throughout the survey period, CEL will host weekly \$50 prize drawings, along with a \$250 grand prize drawing at the conclusion of the survey. During the survey window, residents can also expect to see NEIGHBORHOOD POP-UP EVENTS, including parades, community clean-up crews and snack stations. Event details will be shared via e-mail.

■ Residents should submit their “NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE” as soon as they receive orders and schedule household goods.

■ Wallace Commercial Landscaping is continuing with hard pruning and tree trimming. Residents who would like to maintain their own flowerbeds should use “NO MOW” STAKES to visibly mark the areas.

■ THE MICHAELS ORGANIZATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is accepting applications through April 15. For eligibility requirements visit <https://tmo.com/the-michaels-organization-educational-foundation-encourages-affordable-and-military-housing-residents-to-apply-for-2026-scholarship-program/>. To apply online, visit [tmoef.communityforce.com](https://tmoef.communityforce.com). For assistance, e-mail [scholarships@tmo.com](mailto:scholarships@tmo.com).



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# MCCoE OPSEC training specialist completes interagency broadening assignment

by Randi Stenson/Mission Command Center of Excellence Public Affairs Officer

An operations security training specialist assigned to the Mission Command Center of Excellence recently completed a 60-day interagency broadening assignment that strengthened Army partnerships and enhanced professional expertise across federal organizations.

Matthew McGuire, Headquarters, Department of the Army OPSEC assessor in the Force Modernization Proponent Center at MCCoE, volunteered for an Army Expeditionary Civilian Workforce deployment supporting federal law enforcement in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Nov. 17, 2025, to Jan. 17, 2026.

During this assignment, McGuire applied his Army protection and OPSEC skills while supporting a whole-of-government effort, alongside federal partners.

"As a relatively new Army civilian professional, I wanted a broadening assignment that allowed me to represent the Army and MCCoE while learning from another federal organization," McGuire said. "This was an opportunity to tell the Army story, build partnerships and bring new skills back to the workforce."

McGuire's background includes prior service as a military police corrections officer and experience as a certified Missouri



Photo by Randi Stenson/Mission Command Center of Excellence Public Affairs

**Matthew McGuire, Headquarters, Department of the Army OPSEC assessor in the Mission Command Center of Excellence's Force Modernization Proponent Center, shows two of the coins he received from leaders within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for exemplary performance, Feb. 10 at Fort Leavenworth. McGuire volunteered for an Army Expeditionary Civilian Workforce deployment supporting federal law enforcement in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Nov. 17, 2025, to Jan. 17, 2026.**

law enforcement officer. That experience proved valuable when he was immediately hand-selected to support enforcement-focused teams based on these skills.

During the assignment, McGuire supported enforcement and removal operations by working with agents in their development of geospatial targeting products used in planning. He also assisted with detention center

processing and coordination efforts, contributing to large-scale enforcement operations that resulted in the apprehension of multiple individuals with felony convictions.

Paul C. Bryant, supervisory detention and deportation officer at Immigration and Customs Enforcement, praised McGuire's performance.

"Matthew's efforts have dra-

matically increased our targeting abilities and freed up officers to be in the field," Bryant said. "Additionally, while processing an alien's property, Matthew discovered a powdery substance later identified as methamphetamine, demonstrating his attention to detail and commitment to safety."

McGuire said he attributes his success to the civilian and military protection skills he has honed throughout his career.

"My OPSEC background translated well to the law enforcement environment," he said. "The analytical mindset, attention to detail and protection principles are absolutely transferable."

The deployment also provided McGuire with the opportunity to exchange best practices between Army protection programs and federal law enforcement, particularly in the use of emerging analytical tools and geospatial methodologies. McGuire said the experience strengthened his ability to contribute to MCCoE's mission upon return.

"This assignment made me a better Army civilian professional," McGuire said. "While I enjoyed the deployment, it reinforced why serving the Army and MCCoE matters to me."

James Dunivan, FMPC deputy director, said he saw this as a good opportunity for both McGuire and the organization.

"Matt had a desire to volunteer and build upon his skills, so this was a perfect opportunity for 're-

greening' and contributing to an important operational mission," he said. "This experience allowed Matt to observe much of our curriculum in a real-world setting. As a return on the investment of a few short months, Matt returns with a solid outlook for 'sustains' and 'improves' to keep our courseware relevant to those we support. From an instructor perspective, Matt has an entire new set of vignettes and scenarios that he can use to establish instant credibility and reinforce important concepts with his students."

McGuire said AECW deployments offer significant professional and personal value, and he would encourage other Army civilians to consider volunteering.

"It's a lifelong learning experience," he said. "You gain new perspectives, build lasting professional networks and directly support national-level priorities while representing the Army."

Dunivan said he would also recommend the program, especially for high-performing employees.

"Everyone wants to feel like they are making a difference, so Matt and everyone he worked with at Homeland Security knows that our Army civilian professionals are making things happen," he said.

To learn more about the Army Expeditionary Civilian Workforce Program, visit <https://www.army.mil/aecw>.

## Donors of all blood types critical to keep blood supply steady this spring

by Greater Kansas City and Northwest Missouri Chapter of the American Red Cross Press Release

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — This March, the American Red Cross urges donors to help the national blood supply recover following a severe shortage and empower their health by making an appointment to give blood or platelets. Donors of all blood types remain critical to keeping momentum up and the blood supply steady headed into spring.

Some parts of the nation are still clearing snow, but the threat of severe spring weather is already growing. Now is the time to book a blood or platelet donation appointment to help prevent any future disruption to patient care.

Help is needed right now — and a simple act of donating blood or platelets can be the lifesaving gift people are counting on. To book a time to give blood or platelets, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

The Red Cross will perform A1C testing on successful blood, platelet and plasma donations made March 1-31 (one result in 2026). Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma March 1-31 will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card by e-mail. Details on both offers can be found at [RedCrossBlood.org/March](https://RedCrossBlood.org/March).

**The next blood drive at Fort Leavenworth is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 18 at Munson Army Health Center.**

### How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

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**Blood Drive  
Ft. Leavenworth  
Munson Army Health Center**

**First Floor  
550 Pope Ave.  
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: FortLeavenworth to schedule an appointment.



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# Team Maize named Top Dog at Rod & Gun Club's spring training event



Submitted photo

Team Maize took Top Dog honors at the Rod and Gun Club's Spring Advanced Hunter Education and Hunting Dog Training Event with a score of 1,060 points and four birds harvested and retrieved to-hand. Maize is a yellow Labrador retriever, handled by her owner Stevan Hammack and supported by Andrew Paige as the gunner.

by Rod and Gun Club

The Fort Leavenworth Rod and Gun Club's semi-annual Advanced Hunter Education and Hunting Dog Training Event was Feb. 28 and March 1 at a family farm near Easton, Kansas.

Teams consisted of one dog (either pointing or flushing), two hunters and an unlimited number of shotgun shells. At least three game farm pheasants were put in the field for every team. Each team had 30 minutes in the field to work the dog to close out the season and identify learning objectives for the upcoming training season.

The event was a safe, fun, family-oriented event because of the superb support from volunteer judges, bird planters and command post operators. The volunteers' hard work and enthusiasm provided a safe and fun day allowing a German wirehaired pointer, a wirehaired pointing griffon, a small Münsterländer, six Labrador retrievers, and eight German shorthair pointers to "hit" the field. All 17 of the dogs that hit the field earned the club's "Qualified Gun Dog" rosette, which were red, white and blue to

celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary. The event was not lacking in dramatic weather challenges, but all 17 dogs successfully found birds.

### Results

- The Spring 2026 **Top Dog** was Team Maize with a score of 1,060 points and four birds harvested and retrieved to-hand. Maize is a yellow Labrador retriever, handled by her owner Stevan Hammack and supported by Andrew Paige as the gunner.

- The **Top Flusher** was Team Ribbit, scoring 700 points with four birds flushed, three birds harvested and retrieved. Ribbit is a yellow Labrador retriever, handled by his owner George Mordica II and supported by George Mordica III as the gunner.

- The **Top Pointer** was Team Jane with a score of 780 points with four birds pointed, three birds harvested and retrieved. Jane is a German shorthair pointer, handled by her owner Jason Funk and supported by Nick Schaefer as the gunner.

The club's fall 2026 training event is Oct. 17-18, with alternate weather dates of Oct. 24-25, 2026.

# Helping with more than IDs at the gate

Department of the Army Security Guard Jayme Foskett returns a driver's identification card while conducting access control March 3 at Grant Gate.

Behind every morning gate greeting is a team of Department of the Army Security Guards committed to protecting the installation. Through long shifts, busy traffic hours and inclement weather conditions, their work allows daily life and installation operations to move forward.

The DA Security Guards have caught numerous violations that prevented unauthorized people from accessing the installation. The violations consisted of people driving under the influence of alcohol with an open container, a foreign national trying to access the installation without proper authorization, a parole violation, and someone driving on a suspended driver license. The security guards also denied access to a sex offender/violent individual and detained someone with a warrant.

At times, safety procedures could require an extra moment at the gate. Drivers' continued patience and courtesy help ensure the security of the community.

Photo by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs



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*Let's celebrate, together!*

**Saturday, April 11, 2026 6 P.M.**  
**Riverfront Community Center**

Social Hour 6 P.M. | Dinner at 7 P.M.  
 Speakers | Silent Auction | Candidates & Fun Games

Tickets Adults \$55 | Students \$35 | Table of 8 \$500

Reservations by April 1, 2026

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## FLH's 100th anniversary (continued from Page A1)

talents and responsibilities of these troopers and underscored the special relationship the Fort Leavenworth Hunt enjoyed with the 10th U.S. Cavalry — one of the original Buffalo Soldier regiments established at Fort Leavenworth in 1866.

The historical theme continued Friday morning, when 50 mounted FLH members and guest riders embarked on an eight-mile ride across the installation. The ride included a formal wreath-laying ceremony at Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Area, attended by the Fort Leavenworth Garrison Command Team. The Alexander/Madison Chapter - Greater Kansas City/Leavenworth Area 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association once again supported the event, and a red, white, and blue wreath, donated by the Henry Leavenworth Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, was placed at the entrance to the Buffalo Soldier Monument and Circle of Firsts.

The trail ride route began and ended at the historic Hunt Lodge and passed several important landmarks across the post, including the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, the Oregon and Santa Fe Trail origin markers, Memorial Chapel, and the Rookery.

Following the ride, participants gathered at the Hunt Lodge for lunch, where the masters and former masters of FLH were honored. Photographic and biographical displays celebrated the hunt's evolution over the decades, offering a visual journey from its founding to the present day.

Saturday morning brought more than 40 riders and foot followers together for the closing hunt of the 2025-2026 fox-hunting season. Held on the FLH "Foxhunt Country" fixture near Easton, Kansas, the hunt proved spirited and fast across the varied terrain characteristic of northeast Kansas. Hounds followed cleverly laid drag lines as well as "live" lines from resident quarry such as coyote, providing excellent sport (chase only) throughout the morning.

Midway through the hunt, participants enjoyed a traditional "whoopie wagon" break, complete with food and refreshments, before a brisk finish back to the horse trailers. The morning covered approximately nine miles under excellent riding conditions.

The centennial celebration concluded Saturday evening with the Centennial Hunt Ball at the Frontier Conference Center. More than 90 guests gathered for a festive evening of dining, music and camaraderie. The venue was decorated with displays and themes that reflected the hunt's rich history, charting its journey from 1926 to the present.

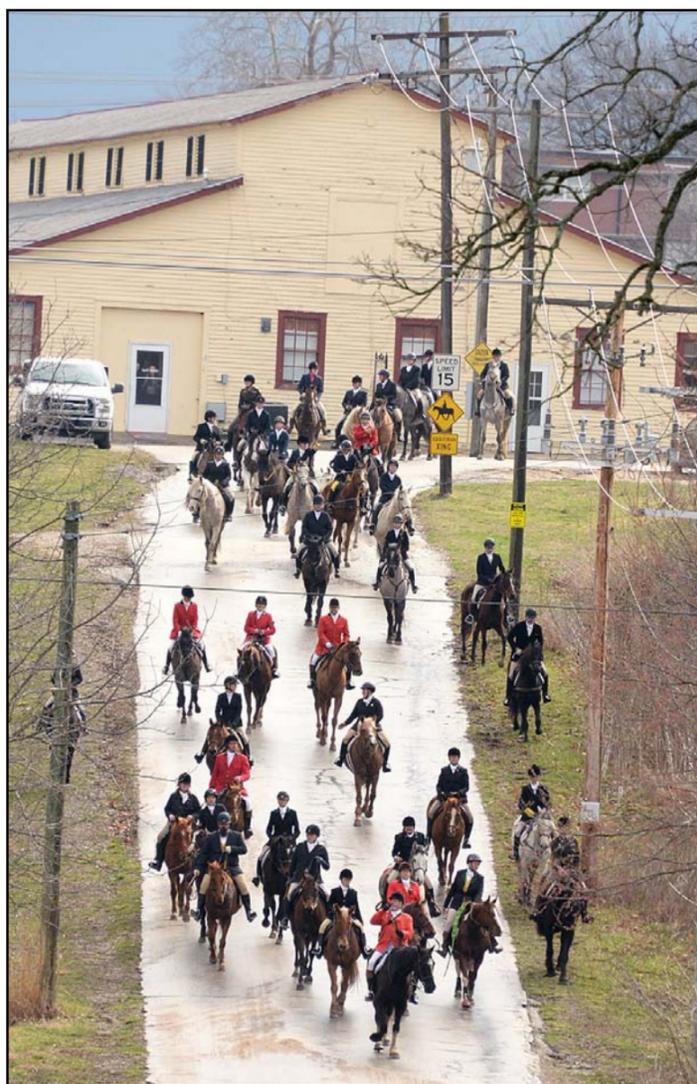
Members of the Fort Leavenworth Hunt were joined by visitors from several sister hunts, including Arapaho and Bijou Springs in Colorado, Belle Meade in Georgia, Moore County in North Carolina, North Hills in Nebraska, and Mission Valley in Kansas. The weekend provided an opportunity to renew longstanding friendships, form new connections and reflect on a shared passion for hunting tradition.

As the Fort Leavenworth Hunt celebrated its first century, members expressed gratitude to the U.S. Army, local landowners and generations of dedicated members whose support and stewardship have sustained the hunt for 100 years.



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

**Fort Leavenworth Hunt members, guest riders and kennel staff assemble for a photo across the street from the FLH kennels March 6 off McPherson Avenue. The riders stopped for the photo during a trail ride across post, passing by historic landmarks, to celebrate FLH's 100th anniversary.**



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

**ABOVE: Photographs, newspaper clippings, member narratives and other memorabilia are distributed across tables set up around the perimeter of the room for Fort Leavenworth Hunt members and guests to peruse as they begin to arrive at Hunt Lodge for lunch following a ride across the installation March 6. LEFT: Fort Leavenworth Hunt members and guest riders, led by Joint Master of Foxhounds Jim Fain, ride toward the FLH kennels while on a trail ride across post, passing by historic landmarks, to celebrate FLH's 100th anniversary March 6 on McPherson Avenue.**



Photo by Allison Howell/Allison Howell Images

**ABOVE: Fort Leavenworth Hunt member Lt. Col. Jessamyn Jempson, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, and Trooper George Pettigrew, executive vice president of the Alexander/Madison Chapter - Greater Kansas City/Leavenworth Area 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association, place a wreath at the entrance to the Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Area March 6. LEFT: FLH member Maj. Abby Edwards, School of Advanced Military Studies student, rides solid paint-bred horse Rhythm up Wainright Road at the conclusion of an eight-mile ride across the installation as part of the FLH's centennial celebration March 6 near Hunt Lodge. This is Edwards' second year riding with the hunt.**

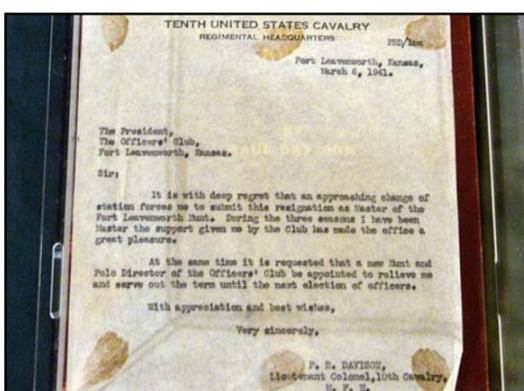


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**A letter written by Lt. Col. Paul Davison in 1941, resigning as master of the Fort Leavenworth Hunt due to a change of station, was among the FLH memorabilia on display March 6 at Hunt Lodge.**



**Joint Master of Foxhounds retired Lt. Col. Jim Fain and his Clydesdale/thoroughbred cross Royal clear a jump as they lead the first field of the Fort Leavenworth Hunt during the fox-hunting hunt March 7 near Easton, Kansas.**

Photo by Lt. Col. Jessamyn Jempson/Fort Leavenworth Hunt

# British Covering Force Symposium (continued from Page A1)



Command and General Staff College Commandant Col. Ethan Diven provides the keynote address, delivered virtually from Fort Leavenworth to an audience of officers and senior NCOs of the United Kingdom's three armored and recce brigades, for the British Armoured Cavalry's Covering Force Symposium 2026 Feb. 26 in the United Kingdom.

Photo by Sarah Hauck/Command and General Staff College Public Affairs

ago share only two commonalities: being housed under a "giant circus tent" and being a buzz of activity.

Today's command post activity generates more enemy-detectable information than ever before, Diven said, challenging maneuver across the board.

This detriment to movement was a common observation in his role as the commander of an Armored Brigade Team and commander of operations for the National Training Center.

"I was much more comfortable to be where the action was, to confirm what is being told to me over the radio or the digital common operating picture with my own eyes, talking to that sergeant that is seeing and fighting, to build my understanding. That comes with risk ... and that is likely not the best decision or the best use of assets anymore."

How can armored forces fight effectively without commanders orchestrating should

er to shoulder with their teams? Clear communication, Diven said — not just verbally but through a set of concise, orders products and leader interactions.

"Have you provided a simple, clear, understandable series of products that can stand the test of not just time but continuous contact?" Diven said. "The 200-page Word document that is complemented by the 50 PowerPoint slide deck, with a series of annexes that are only enabled by unlocked series of passwords that require an incredible amount of bandwidth aren't super helpful for the platoon or the (company) that can only communicate over (tactical satellite)."

Commanders who communicate clearly, and staff who challenge them to do so, enable subordinates to execute at speed, in fiercely contested environments.

Gone are the days of planners and command teams gathering around acetate maps, Diven said.

Officers and NCOs now use digital collaborative and synchronization programs and training to operate differently and at greater tempo.

Students at CGSC are learning the intricacies of these planning and execution tools to be capable and ready leaders upon arrival to assigned commands.

"We have to deliberately disaggregate ourselves and figure out how to conduct decentralized planning, decentralized coordination, and look like other small elements ... and move our command posts at the battalion squadron at tactical level," Diven said.

As armor forces adapt to fight new enemy capabilities and warfare as a whole, Diven encouraged a transformation in command culture to enable units to operate more effectively.

Diven said culture shifts involve traditional sequential training schedules and embracing the "uncomfortable" associated

with stepping off the normal path of training and technology adoption.

"Our secretary of war, that entire department, down to platoon level, is embracing a culture of experimentation," Diven said. "It is not waiting for the Army to give us the tool to try to train with."

The U.S. and British armies have more than a century of experience fighting together, driving the importance of continued training and lessons sharing.

The British Covering Force Symposium, which included mostly officers and NCOs of the British armored force, was an opportunity for American and British warfighters to discuss shared challenges and potential solutions.

"I'm excited to not just fight together in the future, but to collaborate on how we've got to get better," Diven said.

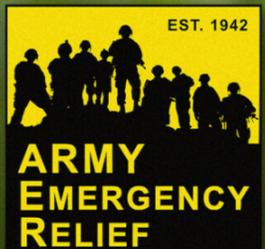
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## March 1 - June 14



# Post leaders visit Chiefs Hall of Honor



Photo by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs

Kansas City Chiefs Historian Mike Davidson explains the content of a shadowbox honoring Chiefs hall-of-fame outside linebacker Derrick Thomas and his father, U.S. Air Force Capt. Robert Thomas, who was killed-in-action during Operation Linebacker II Dec. 18, 1972, during a visit to Arrowhead Stadium by Fort Leavenworth leaders March 4. Visit <https://www.chiefs.com/news/honoring-operation-linebacker-i-ii-salute-to-service> to view the related online exhibit.



ABOVE: Tour participants pose with Chiefs Historian Mike Davidson during a Fort Leavenworth staff visit to the Chiefs Training Facility and Arrowhead Stadium March 4.

RIGHT: Fort Leavenworth Garrison Commander Col. Todd Sunday and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks stand in front of Kansas City Chiefs' quarterback Patrick Mahomes' locker during a tour of Arrowhead Stadium March 4.



Photos by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs

U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ernesto Rodriguez, commander, Marine Corps Detachment, Army Corrections Brigade, and command group executive officer, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, poses with a Chiefs Super Bowl ring in the Hall of Honor inside Arrowhead Stadium during a tour March 4.

## U.S ARMY Fort Leavenworth

BE INFORMED, HAVE A PLAN, MAKE A KIT, GET INVOLVED



- All DoD Civilians and Military Members are required to be enrolled with ALERT!
- ALERT! is the best way to get information directly from the Fort Leavenworth team.
- Service Members and civilians can add family members to also receive notifications.



- OUTSIDE
  - Find Shelter Immediately
  - If in a car, do not drive through the tornado.
  - Find Shelter or lie flat in ditch or depression OR:
  - Buckle Seatbelt & Get Below Window Level of Vehicle

### Severe Spring & Summer Weather Awareness



- Have at least 3 ways to receive weather warnings:
  - Outdoor Sirens & Giant Voice
  - ALERT!
  - National Weather Service Alerts
  - NOAA Weather Radio
  - Television & Radio Stations



- Inside
  - REMEMBER "DUCK":
    - Down to Lowest interior level
    - Under something sturdy
    - Cover your head
    - Keep in the shelter until storm has passed

- KANSAS Averages 95 Tornadoes per Year (189 most Kansas tornadoes in a year(2008))
- Most Tornadoes Occur April – June but can happen during any month.
- Be Prepared:
  - Trim tree limbs away from your home
  - Make an emergency kit (Food, water, medicine, first aid kit, tools, flashlights, gloves)
  - Make a family plan
    - Identify your shelter
  - Know the signs of a tornado
  - Sign up for severe weather alerts.
  - Stay up to date on changing weather conditions
- Check on your neighbors when safe to do so.



"The best hometown in the Army"

# Spring religious holiday services schedule at post chapels

by Religious Support Office

## Special Services

Ramadan, noon through March 20 at Frontier Chapel

Jewish Passover Seder, 6 p.m., April 2 at Fellowship Hall in Frontier Chapel

Good Friday (Protestant), 3 p.m. April 3 at Memorial Chapel

Easter Sunrise Service (Protestant), 7 a.m. April 5 at Memorial Chapel

## Catholic

Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m. March 13 and March 27 at Pioneer Chapel

Lenten Penance Service, 6 p.m. March

25 at Frontier Chapel

Lenten Spiritual Luncheon Retreat, 10 a.m. March 28 at Pioneer Chapel

Palm Sunday, 9:15 a.m. March 29 at Pioneer Chapel

Maundy Thursday Mass, 6 p.m. April 2 at Pioneer Chapel

Good Friday Service, 3 p.m. April 3 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Vigil, 7 p.m. April 4 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m. April 5 at Frontier Chapel

## Protestant (Liturgical)

Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m. March 29 at Me-

morial Chapel

Easter Service, 9:30 a.m. April 5 at Memorial Chapel

## Gospel Service

Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. March 29 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Service, 10 a.m. April 5 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. April 5 at Pioneer Chapel

## Protestant (Contemporary)

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. March 29 at Frontier Chapel

Palm Sunday, 11 a.m. March 29 at Fron-

tier Chapel

Easter Service, 11 a.m. April 5 at Frontier Chapel

## Protestant (Traditional)

Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m. March 29 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. March 29 at Pioneer Chapel

Easter Service, 8:30 a.m. April 5 at Pioneer Chapel

For more information, e-mail christopher.w.weinrich.mil@army.mil.

## Adoptable Pet of the Week: Freya



Freya is a small 3-year-old female husky mix available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. She has already been spayed, microchipped and vaccinated. The fee to adopt a dog is \$155, which helps cover some of the care received. Military affiliation is not required to adopt from the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility.

E-mail [fortleavenworthstrayfacility@gmail.com](mailto:fortleavenworthstrayfacility@gmail.com) for an adoption application and call 913-335-0788 for an appointment. Visit <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/ks/fort-leavenworth/fort-leavenworth-stray-facility-ks174/> for adoptable pet profiles.

The Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, at 510 Organ Ave., is open noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and by appointment for pre-approved adopters. Call 913-335-0788 for an appointment or more information.

Volunteers are needed to help cover pet care shifts, walk dogs, clean kennels and more. Foster homes for adoptable pets are also needed.

To apply to volunteer with the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, visit <https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/>, enter ZIP code 66027, then search for "stray animal facility."



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Fort Leavenworth Lamp

## Prepare now for overseas PCS moves with pets

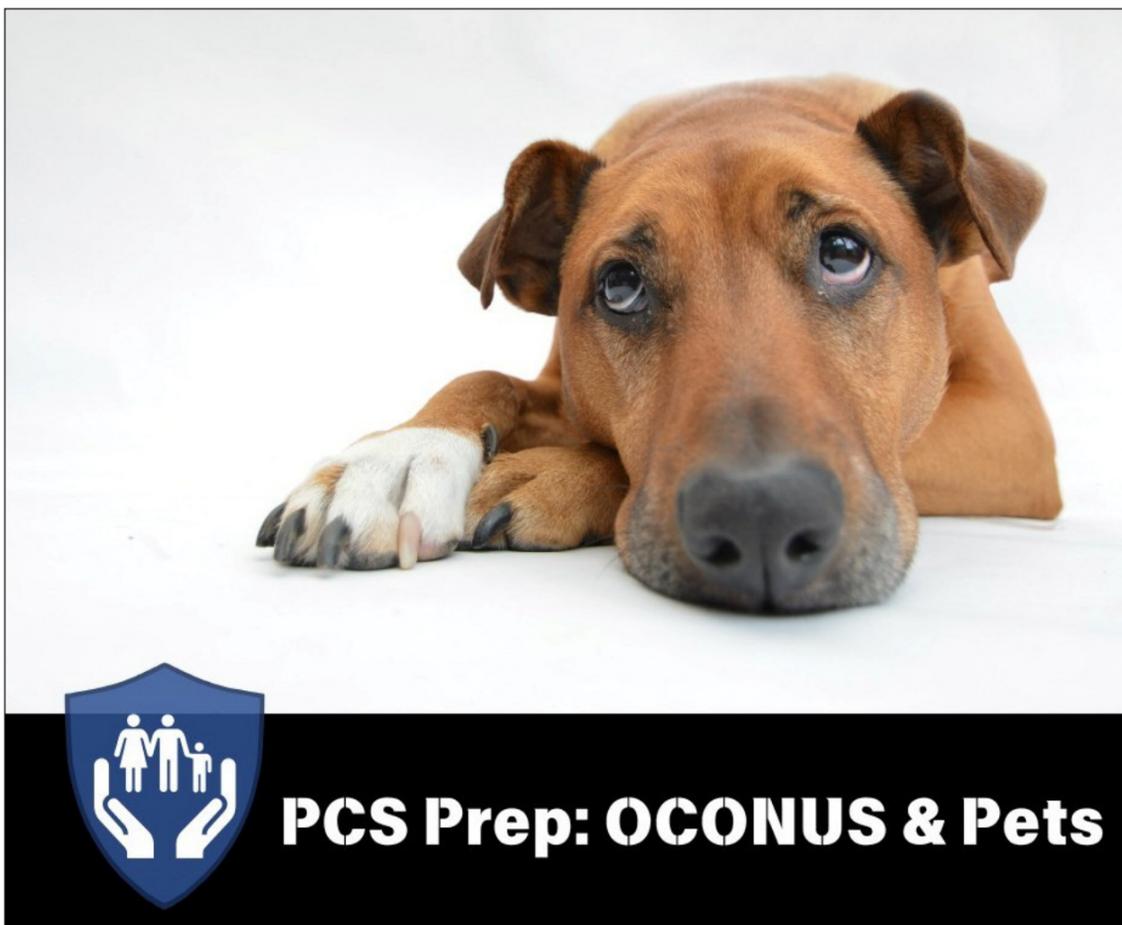
Planning a PCS move with pets somewhere outside the continental United States?

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 Veterinary Treatment Facility for more information.

Munson Army Health Center graphic



**PCS Prep: OCONUS & Pets**

THURSDAY  
MARCH 12, 2026



# Post Notes

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Online: <https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/about/news>

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**BOSS PRESENTS  
MOVIE NIGHT**

Post Theater // 375 Grant Avenue  
Movies start at 7PM  
Must show your DoD ID at the door!

**March 13**

**SUPERMAN**  
PG-13

Come out and join us as the BOSS program gives back to the Community by playing FREE movies inside the Post movie theater. Prepackaged snacks and drink can be purchased at the snack bar. No outside food or drinks are authorized.

For all movies children 12 and under MUST be accompanied by an ADULT!  
CASH only at the snack bar!

For more info call: (913) 684-2736 • Or visit our website [leavenworth.armymwr.com](http://leavenworth.armymwr.com)

**Lucky Leprechaun**  
Trails West Golf Course  
March 14 // 10AM Shotgun Start

Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day at our 4 person scramble!  
Fee - \$60 Members // \$70 Non-Members  
Last day to register is March 11th.  
Fee includes tournament fees, green fees, cart fees, range, food & beverage  
Participants can also enjoy flight prizes and hole prizes.  
Join us before for a cup of Irish Coffee and after for Corned Beef & Cabbage.  
Open to the public  
Info: (913) 651-7176

**Spring Break at the  
Frontier Army Museum**  
100 Reynolds Ave, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66109

**Touch a Truck with the Fort Leavenworth Fire Department**  
Monday March 16th from 10:00am-12:00pm  
Get up and personal with a real firetruck! Come talk to real firefighters and learn about how these heroes keep Fort Leavenworth safe.

**Storytime with Combined Arms Research Library (CARL)**  
Tuesday March 17th at 10am  
Join us for a special Spring Break Storytime at the museum! We will read picture books, sing songs, and play games!

**Operation Wildlife Bald Eagle Presentation**  
Wednesday March 18th at 10:30am  
Experienced bird handlers will share fun facts and use props to help participants visualize the wingspan, amazing eyesight, and the impressive size of the eagle.

**'It's Wild Out There!' Fort Leavenworth Nature Presentation**  
by Nature Resource Specialist Neil Bass  
Thursday March 19th at 10:30am  
Fort Leavenworth is home to 1,500 acres of Missouri River floodplain forest. Learn about the plants, trees, and animals that populate our historic post from a nature expert.

**Children's Pioneer Day**  
Friday March 20th from 10:00am-12:00pm  
Join us for a Children's Pioneer Day! Kids can explore what it would be like to be a pioneer on the Western frontier! There were wild activities and games to help kids learn all about living that 19th century life.

All programs are free and open to all ages

**KNOW YOUR WORLD CULTURAL SERIES**

<b>NETHERLANDS</b>		<b>SEPTEMBER 17 2025</b>
<b>KUWAIT</b>		<b>JANUARY 27 2026</b>
<b>ARGENTINA</b>		<b>NEW DATES</b>
<b>INDIA</b>		<b>FEBRUARY 11 2026</b>
<b>CABO VERDE</b>		<b>FEBRUARY 18 2026</b>
		<b>MARCH 25 2026</b>

**Presentations start at 1545 in Eisenhower Auditorium & on CGSC YouTube**  
Open to the public-all are welcome to attend or view online  
All IMS Attend//Presenting IMS' Section expected to attend//All Staff Groups Highly Encouraged to Attend//Post Presentation Culinary Sampling Offered to all who attend in Arter Atrium

**Family Advocacy Program Brief**  
POST THEATER | 375 GRANT AVE | FT. LEAVENWORTH

Recognizing and reporting potential Domestic Abuse and Child Abuse is not always black and white.

Have big questions?  
We have answers.

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is Command supported and Soldier focused. FAP is the Army's official program for preventing and responding to Family violence.

This free, mandatory, annual training will educate Soldiers and leaders about preventing, identifying and correctly reporting Domestic abuse and Child abuse. (In accordance with AR 350-1)

**2026 TRAINING DATES:**  
From 1300 - 1500

- 25 MARCH
- 29 APRIL
- 27 MAY
- 24 JUNE
- 15 JULY

Training is free and for 18+. There is no registration required. For more information call: 520-692-6378 / 6303

**Spring Fling**  
at  
Resiliency Center  
600 Thomas Ave  
Bldg. 198

**April 3 • 1PM - 3PM**

Come and join FAP for a fun-filled and family friendly celebration! This event is designed to encourage family connections and boost creativity. There will be a variety of activities including, spring themed crafts, interactive games and more!

Event is FREE, and open to DoD ID card holders.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Reservations are NOT required, just show up!  
For more info: (520) 692-6378/6303

**PAIR Day & Kid Fest**  
April 11 // 10AM - 2PM  
Harney Sports Complex

Experience what Fort Leavenworth and the surrounding Kansas City area have to offer at PAIR Day (Post Activities Information & Registration). This is your one stop-shop for everything social, recreational, spiritual, and educational.

There will be informational tables, and lots and lots of FREEBIES!

In honor of Month of the Military Child, this event is a celebration for Military Kids!

This event will be filled with family friendly fun, with a DJ, CYS class demos and informational table. And, the best part it's all FREE!

For more info, call (913) 684-1830  
Or scan the QR Code.

**Heroes Pick Up Trash**  
City of Leavenworth, KS 2026

**LEAVENWORTH CITYWIDE SPRING CLEANUP**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11  
Kick-off event 8:30 a.m. at Warren Educational Campus  
3501 New Lawrence Road  
Help pick up trash around the Leavenworth community. Teams of civic groups, scouts, church groups, nonprofit organizations, family groups and businesses can sign their team up to pick up trash on a grid on the City map. Those who sign up by April 1 will receive a free t-shirt.

**Other services April 11:**

Recycling Center open  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
1720 Lawrence Avenue

Large Item drop-off open  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
1720 Lawrence Avenue

Household Hazardous  
Waste disposal  
8 a.m. to noon  
1720 Lawrence Avenue

Brush Site 1803 S. Second  
open 8 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.  
free to City of Leavenworth  
residents to drop off yard  
waste, branches with no  
roots attached, leaves and  
grass clippings.

Free paper shredding  
At Citizens Federal Savings  
Bank:  
• 10 - 12:30 p.m.  
at 5151 S. Fourth Street  
• 1-2 p.m.  
at 312 S. Fifth Street

**SIGN UP/MORE INFO:**  
Melissa Bower,  
Public Information Officer  
City of Leavenworth  
913-680-2610  
[melissa.bower@leavenworthks.gov](mailto:melissa.bower@leavenworthks.gov)

Please join us for SHARP's  
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
In Honor of SAAPM Month



**Wednesday, 15 April 2026**  
1100-1300  
Fort Leavenworth Exchange  
330 Kansas Ave  
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

For more information, please contact Ms. Nicole Hernandez at (913) 544-9243  
or [maureennicole.n.hernandez.civ@army.mil](mailto:maureennicole.n.hernandez.civ@army.mil)

**PREVENTION IN THE PARK**  
APRIL 17 // 1PM - 3PM  
EFMP PARK (BEHIND POST THEATER)

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During April, FAP / NPSP will be sponsoring events focused on stress reduction and family fun.

Come join us to have some fun at the park with bubbles, chalk, bean bag toss, and other fun activities for the family!

FREE and open to DoD ID card holders.  
Age limit: kids 0-10!

Registration is required and can be done until April 15th.

For more info or to register call,  
(520) 692-6378/6303.  
Rain out date: April 24 // 1PM - 3PM



### 2026 Islamic Holy Times of Prayer



Dates: Ramadan: 18 February - 20 March 2026

1. Frontier Chapel: Room 111C for Individual Prayers  
625 Thomas Avenue / Time: 0900-1700 (MON-FRI and SUN)
2. Lewis & Clark Building will hold Midday Prayers in room 1138-1139  
Time: 1200-1300 (MON-FRI)



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

FORT LEAVENWORTH  
**JUDAISM 101**  
LUNCH & LEARN

MARCH DATES

WED., MARCH 11  
12:00 – 13:00  
PIONEER CHAPEL

WED., MARCH 25  
12:00 – 13:00  
PIONEER CHAPEL  
ALL WELCOME

Questions? Text 913.963.2646

# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

## He is Risen...

### April 05, 2026 (7:00 A.M.)

#### MEMORIAL CHAPEL

(626 Scott Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, KS)

Everyone is invited!!

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

FORT LEAVENWORTH JEWISH COMMUNITY'S  
COMMUNITY  
*Passover*  
**SEDER**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> • 6:00 PM  
FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP HALL

All Ages and Faiths Welcome – Free of Charge

PLEASE RSVP  
Scan to RSVP  
QUESTIONS: JFREIDEN@ME.COM

St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Catholic Community  
FORT LEAVENWORTH



**MASS TIMES**  
Pioneer Chapel  
Tuesday - Friday 1200  
Frontier Chapel  
Sunday 0915

**CONFESSIONS**  
Frontier Chapel  
Sunday 0815-0900

March 2026

**PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
The Pastoral Advisory Council meetings, held the first Tuesday of the month, are open to all community members who would like to provide input regarding upcoming events and future volunteer needs of the community.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
0800 - Religious Education 0815 - Confessions (F) 0915 - Mass (F) 1015 - Children's Choir 1030 - Youth Group 2nd Sunday of Lent	1700 - Choir Rehearsal (F)	1200 - Mass (P) 1730 - PAC Meeting (P)	0900 - CWOC Board & Planning 1200 - Mass (P)	0845 - CWOC (P) 1200 - Mass (P)	1200 - Mass (P) 1230-1700 - Adoration (P) 1730 - Stations of the Cross (Youth Group)	0900 - 1300 - First Holy Communion Retreat
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SPRING BREAK						
4th Sunday of Lent		SAINT PATRICK'S DAY	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem	Solemnity of Saint Joseph		
No Religious Education 0815 - Confessions (F) 0915 - Mass (F) No Children's Choir	1700 - Choir Rehearsal (F)	1200 - Mass (P)	1200 - Mass (P) 1800 - Penance Service (F)	0845 - CWOC (P) 1200 - Mass (P)	1200 - Mass (P) 1230-1700 - Adoration (P) 1730 - Stations of the Cross (CWOC)	1000-1400 - Lenten Retreat
5th Sunday of Lent	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo		Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord			
No Religious Education 0815 - Confessions (F) 0915 - Mass (F) No Children's Choir Palm Sunday	1700 - Choir Rehearsal (F)	1200 - Mass (P)				Frontier Chapel (F) Pioneer Chapel (P)

# LENT 2026

Ash Wednesday  
1200 (P)  
1800 (F)

Stations of the Cross & Potluck  
Fridays - 1730 (P)  
February 20 & 27  
March 6 & 27

Penance Service  
Wednesday, March 25  
1800 (F)

Lenten Retreat  
Saturday, March 28  
1000-1400 (F)  
RSVP Required (see flyer)

Pioneer Chapel (P) - Frontier Chapel (F)

## Chaplain Family Life Center

100% Confidential & Faith Informed  
Pastoral Counseling Services  
(Individual, Couple, & Family)

Free for all Service Members, Retirees, DoD/DA Civilians and Dependents

Pastoral counseling provides compassionate support for individuals, couples, and families facing challenges such as anxiety, depression, communication difficulties, conflict, parenting concerns, and spiritual struggles—providing faith-informed guidance to strengthen relationships and promote healthy growth in every season of life.



To book an appointment scan here:



CH (MAJ) Joshua M. Portwood is a trained Pastoral Counselor in Marriage and Family Life. His formal education includes a Masters of Divinity from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, a Masters of Science (Marriage and Family Therapy) from Texas A&M-Central Texas, and a Doctorate of Ministry from Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

Located at the back of Pioneer Chapel  
500 Pope Ave., Bldg. 56  
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027  
Government Cell: (913) 680-7336  
joshua.m.portwood.mil@army.mil  
https://cal.com/chaplainportwood

### FLMGS Women's Ministry

## Women's Retreat & Miniature Golf

(INDOORS)

**What:**  
Women's Retreat & Miniature Golf (Indoors)

**When:**  
18 April • 1000-1400 hrs

**Where:**  
Tap Ins  
9571 Metcalf Ave  
Overland Park, KS 66212

**Why:**  
Fellowship, Fun, and Encouragement!

Enjoy the Hole-In-One Fiesta Buffet!

RSVP NLT 12 April 2026  
Contact Alicia Moore at (254) 285-7891



**Get help that makes sense with the HYC Homework Lab!**

**HYC Homework Lab\***  
M - F  
After school from  
3pm - 6pm

**FREE** after school program for Teens!

**Offering:**  
Homework / Tutoring  
ACT / SAT Prep Nights  
Money Matters Classes  
Career Launch  
College Visits  
Science Club

Harrold Youth Center  
45 Biddle Blvd  
Fort Leavenworth, KS  
(913) 684-5115

\*For eligible 6th - 12th graders Must be registered with CYS



leavenworth.armymwr.com



**Every 2nd Tuesday from 9am - 10am @ The EFMP Playground**  
(through the month of October)

Come out and get to know other EFMP Families while the kids play! Every month there will be a NEW and EXCITING activity for the kids! Open to EFMP Families only.

Registration is required the Friday before the event. Call 520-692-6363 for more info



**Activities\***

- May- Chalk Art
  - June- Art Easels
  - July- Popsicles
  - August- Bubbles
  - September- Juice Boxes
  - October- Pumpkin Decorating
- \*Subject to change

**ACS New Parent Support Prenatal Classes 2026**

600 Thomas Ave  
Room 125  
All classes are from 5 pm - 7 pm

**Childbirth Classes:**  
Series of three classes  
Jan 5th, 12th, 26th  
Mar 2nd, 9th, 16th  
May 4th, 11th, 18th  
July 13th, 20th, 27th  
Sep 14th, 21st, 28th  
Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th

**Newborn Care Classes:**  
Feb 2nd  
April 13th  
June 1st  
August 3rd  
October 5th  
December 7th

**Breastfeeding Classes:**  
February 9th  
April 20th  
June 8th  
August 10th  
October 19th  
December 14th

**Free for Expectant Parents!**  
Deadline for Registration is the Friday before the class. Pre-registration is required. Contact 913-297-3212

Join ACS/ New Parent Support for  
**STORY TIME**

Wednesdays @ 10am  
The Resiliency Center  
600 Thomas Ave  
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Introduce the magic of books and foster a lifelong love of learning!

Story Time is free and open to ages 3 months to 3 years (must have an adult present).

Please call or text by the close of business day on the Tuesday before Story Time. 913-297-3212

**EFMP/ Waiting Families RECREATIONAL BOWLING**

Every first Saturday of the month  
12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Strike Zone Bowling Center  
165 Fourth St

Meet other EFMP families! EFMP Recreational Bowling is a fun way to socialize, and sharpen fine motor skills.

All ages welcome!  
**FREE** for the entire family including shoes! Bumpers, bowling ramps, and lightweight bowling balls are available.

Pre-registration is required the Wednesday before the event. Fort Leavenworth Waiting Families, call ACS to reserve your spot! Call 913-684-2800 for more info or to register

**Co-Parenting Workshop**

Round 1: March 9, 16, 23, 30  
Round 2: June 8, 15, 22, 29  
Round 3: August 10, 17, 24, 31  
Round 4: December 7, 14, 21, 28  
@ 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
ACS Classroom 145  
600 Thomas Ave

Learning to co-parent after a divorce can feel like being on opposite ends of a chasm.

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

FREE and open to all DoD ID holders 18+ Register by calling 520-692-6378/ 6323  
Deadline to register is day before class. Participants are encouraged to attend every class as each session will be different. Ask about virtual options!

**Stroller Walk & Talk**

Meeting every Tuesday morning at  
The Resiliency Center  
600 Thomas Ave  
March - May & Oct - Nov  
10am - 11am  
June - Sept  
9am - 10am

This is a **FREE** opportunity to meet other parents of small children, get healthy and socialize all while enjoying the walking paths of Ft. Leavenworth!

Offered to expecting parents and to parents of children through 3 years of age. Must bring your own stroller. Register the day before!

POC 913-297-3212

Join ACS/ New Parent Support for  
**Toddler Time**

Wednesdays @ 9am  
The Resiliency Center  
600 Thomas Ave  
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Learn through play as we build social skills, introduce preschool routines, and explore!

Toddler Time is free and open to ages 2 to 3 years (must have an adult present).

Please call or text by the close of business day on the Tuesday before Toddler Time. 913-297-3212

THE MICHAELS ORGANIZATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
**Resident Scholarship Program**

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!**

FEBRUARY 2 - APRIL 15, 2026

APPLY ONLINE @ [tmoef.communityforce.com](http://tmoef.communityforce.com)

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Matriculating college students & those with a high school diploma who plan to attend any accredited college, university, trade school, or technical program
- Current residents, in good standing at a Michaels community
- Official grade transcript must be submitted
- Complete all required parts of the application (including Conditional essay, if applicable)

NEED ASSISTANCE? CONTACT US!  
[scholarships@tmo.com](mailto:scholarships@tmo.com)

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW OPEN!**

The FLSC Scholarship application is officially available on our website.

Deadline: March 15, 2026

Questions?  
Email [scholarshipflsc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipflsc@gmail.com)

**Grant Applications Now Open!**

DETAILS AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.FORTLEAVENWORTHSPOUSESCLUB.COM](http://WWW.FORTLEAVENWORTHSPOUSESCLUB.COM)

**ART & ILLUSTRATION**

Do you have an aspiring artist / insatiable doodler at home?

Need an outlet for all of that creative energy?

SKIES Art & Illustration classes focus on improving drawing techniques, developing original characters and helping to curate individual style.

Each class session will build on a project such as a mini comic book, realistic self-portrait, animal drawings, shoebox theaters or flip books.

**Tuesdays at Patch Community Center**  
320 Pope Ave  
Fort Leavenworth, KS  
Ages 6 - 9  
4:15 - 5:15  
Ages 10 - 17.99  
5:30 - 6:30

\$12 a lesson, at least three lessons per monthly project. Stand-alone classes are also available. Bring your favorite pencil! The rest of the supplies will be provided. Must be currently registered with CYS to enroll. For more information call 913-684-3207

NOW  
**OPEN**

**Fort Leavenworth Child & Youth Services Waitlists for  
Summer Camp 2026  
&  
School Year 2026-2027**

**MILITARY**  
CHILDCARE dot com

Create an account or use existing account to make one or more "Request for Care" for each child & all Care Options needed!

(!) A Request for Care is NOT required for Summer Camp or School Year 26-27 when child is currently enrolled in the CYS Before/After School Program.

Contact Parent Central Office for assistance:  
913-684-5138 or 913-684-4956  
usarmy.leavenworth.id-training.mbx.ftlvpncentral@army.mil

Don't know which  
Care Options to request?  
Prior to making Requests for Care review the flyer:  
**2026-2027  
Fort Leavenworth  
Care Options & Waitlists**  
Available on:

Find us on:  
**facebook**

Fort Leavenworth Child & Youth Services

Fort Leavenworth FMWR Website  
Go to CYS Section

**HYC**  
Harrold Youth Center

School is in session, but the FUN doesn't need to stop! Hang with your friends and make some memories!

**FREE TEEN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Offering:

- Free After School Snacks
- Homework Help
- STEM Programs
- Gym Activities
- Music Classes
- Arts & Crafts
- Bowling Club
- Bike Club
- Fishing Club
- Strength Training
- Youth Sponsorship Club
- Video Games & Tournaments
- Homework & Technology Labs
- Monthly Parties/ Dances
- Non-School Day Field Trips
- Friday after 6pm & Saturday Special Events

\*Enroll now at  
Harrold Youth Center  
45 Biddle Blvd

HYC Hours  
Mon-Thurs 3pm - 6pm  
Friday 3pm - 9pm  
Saturday 1pm - 7pm  
Non-School Days  
Open at 1pm  
Closed Sunday  
Administrative Hours  
Monday - Friday  
9am - 5:30pm

\*HYC is for 6th - 12th Graders only. Must be registered with CYS Parent Central prior to enrolling. Stop by for our monthly calendar! Contact 913-684-5138 for more info on registration and eligibility

**2026-2027 Fort Leavenworth CYS Care Options & Waitlists on MILITARYCHILDCARE.COM**

1. CYS eligible patrons create or use your current account on MILITARYCHILDCARE.COM (Visit FAQ section on site)
2. Review the Facility Program & Care Option descriptions below & available on MILITARYCHILDCARE.COM
3. Submit a Request for Care (RFC) for each child in each Child Care Option listed below that fit your care needs.

Offers are managed by the Fort Leavenworth CYS Parent Central office using contact information listed in your MILITARYCHILDCARE.COM household profile. TIP: List phone/email address you have ongoing access to during travel/leave (and ensure those are toggled to receive notifications). To facilitate a successful offer process, ensure the Sponsor & Spouse employment status indicated applies to living in the FTLVN area.

Visit CYS website & Facebook pages  
www.leavenworth.armymwr.com    www.facebook.com/cys.ftleavenworth    www.facebook.com/cys.ftlvntecenter    CYS Parent Central: 913-684-5138 or 4956

**MAIN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
FULL-DAY CHILDCARE & FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL  
Open 6:00am-6:00pm

(!) Request Full-Day Preschool when care needed the Summer prior to Kindergarten.  
(!) Request KG School Year Care if needed & attending USD 207 (or applied to attend). [See Osage's BLUE info box on the right.]  
>> Must turn 5 by/on 31 AUG 2026 to be KG eligible in Kansas.  
(!) This program is NOT affiliated with the USD 207 Preschool/Pre-K Program. Transportation is NOT available.  
•CYS is recruiting on-post Family Child Care providers.

**FULL-DAY**  
6 WEEKS  
THRU  
5 YEARS  
(!) Not started  
KG.  
Refer to info

**PART-DAY  
PRESCHOOL**  
SCHOOL  
YEAR 26-27  
3-5 years  
3 CLASS  
OPTIONS

**OSAGE KG & SCHOOL AGE CARE FACILITY**  
CYS PART-DAY PRESCHOOL CLASSES  
3 Class Options **September thru May** (all are 3 hour classes)  
**2-Day AM** (8-11am on T/Th) / **3-Day AM** (8-11am on M/W/F)  
**4-Day PM** (12:15-3:15pm on M-Th)

- Must turn 3yrs on or prior to first day of class.
- Request multiple classes to increase chances for placement.
- No "Toilet Trained" restriction.
- Under 3? Choose a Need Date on/after child turns 3 years old.
- Minimum Enrollment required for class option to be offered.

(!) This program is NOT affiliated with the USD 207 Preschool/Pre-K Program. Transportation is NOT available.

**OSAGE KG & SCHOOL AGE CARE FACILITY**  
2026 KG & SCHOOL AGE (1st-5th) SUMMER CAMP WEEKS  
Full-Day Summer Program Open 6:00am-6:00pm  
REQUEST THE CARE OPTION BASED ON GRADE COMPLETED IN MAY 2026

- "Completed KG" & "Completed 1st-5th School-Age Care" are separate Care Options based on grade COMPLETED.
- Request each camp weeks needing care.
- >> Current School Year 25-26 contract holders are given the opportunity to request Continuity of Care directly with Osage in the Spring. Requests in MCC are ONLY needed once past Osage's deadline.

**SUMMER  
2026**  
COMPLETED  
KG & 1st-5th  
Grade  
\*6th-12th Grade  
see HYC info

**SCHOOL  
YEAR 26-27**  
ENTERING  
KG & 1st-5th  
Grade  
\*6th-12th Grade  
see HYC info

**OSAGE KG & SCHOOL AGE CARE FACILITY**  
SCHOOL AGE SCHOOL YEAR CHILDCARE  
Before/After School Open 6:00am - 6:00pm  
Transportation to/from FTLVN schools included by USD 207.  
REQUEST THE CARE OPTION BASED ON GRADE ENTERING IN AUGUST 2026

- KG & 1st-5th School-Age Care Options are separate.
- (!) Upcoming KG: Make additional Full-Day Preschool request when care is needed the Summer prior to KG.
- >> Before Only, After Only, & Before/After care options include USD 207 No-School Days & Early-Out Fridays & the first 2 weeks of school when KG only attends 1/2 days.

**OSAGE KG & SCHOOL AGE CARE FACILITY**  
SCHOOL AGE WINTER & SPRING BREAK CAMP WEEKS  
Full-Day Program Open 6:00am-6:00pm

- KG & 1st-5th School-Age Care Options are separate.
- Make request based on grade currently enrolled.
- USD 207 Calendar determines camp weeks. Weeks will be available to request in mid September 2026.
- CYS will be closed on Federal Holidays.
- Request is NOT required for children in a current School Year contract.

**NO WAITLIST REQUIRED  
FOR YOUTH 6TH-12TH GRADE  
[COMPLETED OR CURRENTLY ATTENDING]**

Enrollment into a Middle School & Teen program is first come-first serve for CYS eligible & registered youth.  
On [www.leavenworth.armymwr.com](http://www.leavenworth.armymwr.com) search for "Harrold Youth Center" for details on Summer Camp Weeks, FREE Open Recreation time, & the FREE After School Program (which includes pick-up at on-post & off-post middle/high schools), & Winter & Spring Break Camp Weeks.

**HARROLD  
YOUTH  
CENTER**  
6TH-12TH  
GRADE

**HOLIDAY  
CAMPS**  
ATTENDING  
KG & 1st-5th  
Grade  
\*6th-12th Grade  
see HYC info

ACS Family Advocacy Program Presents:

# ANGER MANAGEMENT

Jan 8 • Mar 19 • May 14  
July 16 • Sept 17 • Nov 5

Thursdays from 11:30AM - 1PM  
ACS Conference Room, Room 145  
Virtual options available via Teams

Learn how to identify the different kinds of 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 register call, (520) 692-6378/6323

# STRESS Management

February 19, April 16, June 18, August 20,  
October 15, December 10  
11:30am - 1:00pm  
600 Thomas Ave  
Room 145

**STRESS WEIGHING YOU DOWN?**

IT'S TIME TO TAKE BACK CONTROL

WORK    HOME    SAVINGS

BILLS

FREE one-session workshop 18+  
No childcare  
Deadline to register is day before training.  
Virtual attendance is available through TEAMS.  
For more info: Call 520-692-6378/6323

**PCS PENNY MOVES TO FORT LEAVENWORTH**

## LAUNCH PARTY

Story Time & Book Signing

PCSS Penny is moving again, this time to Fort Leavenworth! When Penny learns her family is PCSing to Fort Leavenworth, she's sure it's the most awful, horrible, worst thing ever! Everything feels strange, and all she wants is home. But as Penny explores all that Fort Leavenworth has to offer, she begins to see her new home in a whole new way. Maybe, just maybe, Fort Leavenworth isn't so bad after all—it could be the start of her greatest adventure yet!

Joanna Gosser is an author, Army spouse, and creator of the Dandelion Kids Club—a collection of books, coloring books, and notebooks designed specifically for military children. Inspired by her own children, she writes stories that celebrate resilience, belonging, and the unique experience of growing up in a military family. Several of her titles have earned #1 New Release recognition on Amazon.

**Special StoryTime with Root Beer Floats**  
Mar 20th  
1300-1400  
Courtesy of **DOCS DENTAL**

**StoryTime & Signing**  
TIME **1000-1500**  
DATE **March 20 & 21**  
PLACE **Exchange Mall**

FORT LEAVENWORTH EXCHANGE

## EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY 4 APRIL

The hunt begins promptly at **1:00**  
Located in grassy area next to Armed Forces Bank

Age Groups: 2-3, 4-5, & 6-10  
Find a GOLDEN EGG for a special prize!  
(In the event of adverse weather the Easter Egg Hunt will be rescheduled)

Don't forget the camera for photos with the Easter Bunny!

Special Guest  
The Easter Bunny

FROM COMPASSION TO ACTION:  
**STRONGHOLD**

## 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

We supported military families in several military installations across **26** states.

Average of 119 patrons served weekly

**32.7%** growth in patrons served

**93,897**  
Pounds of Food Distributed

strongholdfoodpantry.org

# United States Disciplinary Barracks Unit Tribute Ceremony

21 May 2026  
1000 hours  
National Museum of the US Army  
1775 Liberty Drive  
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

EST. 21 MAY 1874

**Important information:**

- RSVP to [peter.j.grande.vol@army.mil](mailto:peter.j.grande.vol@army.mil) by 11 May 2026 to ensure receipt of a general admission ticket for museum access after the ceremony.
- The ceremony will be standing only; no chairs or seating available.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to ceremony start time.

Visit: [www.thenmusa.org](http://www.thenmusa.org)

## Pet Transportation Assistance

Army Emergency Relief offers zero-interest loans to help the whole family stay together.

**WHAT**  
Pets are a part of the Family and AER recognizes the financial burden pet transportation can cause during a PCS. To help alleviate this, AER created the Pet Transportation Assistance Program.

**WHO**  
• Active Duty and their eligible Family members  
• Reserve and National Guard on Active Reserve and Guard tours  
• Reserve and National Guard activated with PCS Entitlements

**HOW**  
Pet transportation assistance is processed by your nearest AER Officer or any military aid office. Soldiers can go directly to their AER offices or chain of command.

For more information, visit [www.aerhq.org/news/petassistance](http://www.aerhq.org/news/petassistance)

**AER** Are you an AER Officer? Download the official [official pet transportation assistance guidance](http://www.aerhq.org/resource/official-pet-transportation-assistance-guidance)

Starting January 26th, 2026

**Fort Leavenworth Group Fitness Classes**

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

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0530			Spin (Karyn)			
0600		Slow Flow (Leslie)		Slow Flow (Leslie)		
0900	Vinyasa (Leslie)		Body Pump (Tara)		Body Pump (Tara)	
1000						Power Yoga (Kim)
1300	Body Pump (Tara)					
1630			Power Cycling (Kim)	Yin Yoga (Brandie)		
1700	Power Yoga (Kim)					

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

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

\*Power Cut classes are held in the Bubble Gym



Single Ticket For \$5.00  
10 Tickets For \$45.00  
20 Tickets For \$80.00



<https://leavenworth.armymwr.com>

**Independent Instructor Class Schedule**

**Gruber Fitness Center**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu 1830-1930		Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu 1830-1930	
	Taekwondo 1800-1900 1900-2000		Taekwondo 1800-1900 1900-2000	

**Harney Sports Complex**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weight Lifting 0900-1015		Weight Lifting 0900-1015		Weight Lifting 0900-1015
Youth Olympic Lifting 1600-1700 1700-1800 Bubble Gym		Youth Olympic Lifting 1600-1700 1700-1800 Bubble Gym		

Weight Lifting - \$75 (3 days) \$70 (2 days) \$10 (drop in)  
Youth Olympic Lifting - \$75 (NO drop in)  
First class is FREE! Weight Lifting is for 18+

Harney Sports Complex & Aquatics Center  
185 Fourth St  
Ft. Leavenworth, KS  
913-684-2190



Gruber Fitness Center  
200 Reynolds Ave  
Ft. Leavenworth, KS  
913-684-5120

**YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS PICKLEBALL LEAGUE**

Join our NEW Youth Pickleball League!

Registration/Enrollment  
March 16 - April 6  
Season begins  
April 15 - May 20



Mondays & Wednesdays\*  
Grant Park Pickleball Courts  
Fort Leavenworth, KS  
\*One hour practice times will range between 4pm - 7pm and will be determined by the coaches

Volunteer coaches needed! Be a part of the fastest growing sport in America!

Boys and Girls:  
(8-10yrs) (11-14yrs) (15-17yrs)  
\$50 for first Child, \$42.50 for additional Children in the household



All Youth must have an updated sports physical before the first practice. Enrollment can be done at all CYS locations if centrally registered. Webtrac online enrollments can only be done with a Youth Sports Physical that covers the entire season. Call for more info: 913-684-7525/7526

[leavenworth.armymwr.com](https://leavenworth.armymwr.com)

EFMP & Waiting Families Presents

**ZUMBA**  
Get ready to Move! Get ready to Groove!

Every second Tuesday  
9am - 10am  
Gruber Fitness Center  
200 Reynolds Ave  
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Get wrapped up in the music and let's get moving and grooving! Zumba is energetic, fun, and a de-stressor all in one! Designed for all fitness levels this FREE class is open to anyone 18+. Registration is required for attendance. Call 520-692-6363 or 913-684-2800



[leavenworth.armymwr.com](https://leavenworth.armymwr.com)

**Adult Sports Volleyball League**

Season Starts: April 2

Games: Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Harney Sports Complex

Coaches Meeting: Wednesday, March 18 5:30pm at Gruber Fitness Center

Team Rosters and/or Letters of Intent due COB Wednesday, March 25.

This is a co-ed league. Open to Active Duty, BOD Civilians, Retirees, Dependents, Spouses, and Contractors working on Fort Leavenworth ages 18+

League Awards given for regular season champions, tournament runner ups, and tournament champions. Info: 913-684-3224/5136



**Spring Intramural League**

Every Monday at 5pm

March 23 - May 11  
Play-offs  
May 14, 18, 21, 29

Trails West Golf Course  
306 Cody Rd  
Fort Leavenworth

Trails West annual pass holders: FREE  
Non-pass holders: \$35 per person/ 70 per team  
Registration opens February 23  
Last day to register is COB March 20

This 2 person best ball league is Trails West most competitive! 24 teams will be split into 2 divisions with the top 8 regular season finishers from each division competing in the play-offs. All matches will be handicapped based on previous performances. Players will compete against other teams in their division every Monday night. End of season awards will be presented to the top 2 teams from each division and top 3 play-off teams.

CALL FOR MORE INFO: 913-651-7176 visit: [leavenworth.armymwr.com](https://leavenworth.armymwr.com)

**March - April Workshops**

**Watercolor**

\$30 per workshop

Watercolor (Basic Techniques)  
Thursday, Mar 26  
1pm - 3pm

Watercolor (Landscapes Part 1)  
Thursday, Apr 2  
1pm - 3pm  
Watercolor (Landscapes Part 2)  
Thursday, Apr 9  
1pm - 3pm

Watercolor (Landscapes Plain-Air)  
Thursday, Apr 16  
1pm - 3pm

**Calligraphy**

\$20 per workshop

Modern Calligraphy (Basic Techniques)  
Tuesday, Mar 31  
1:30pm - 3pm

Modern Calligraphy (Intermediate)  
Tuesday, Apr 14  
1:30pm - 3pm

Modern Calligraphy (Birthday Cards)  
Tuesday, Apr 28  
1:30pm - 3pm

**Ft. Leavenworth Arts & Crafts Studio**

**Paint & Sip**

\$35  
Must be 21 years or older.  
BYOB



Spring Rooster  
Friday  
March 6  
6pm - 8pm



Rain Boots  
Friday  
April 10  
6pm - 8pm

**Pottery Studio**

\$40 per class

Wheel Throwing (Basics)  
Part 1 Wed, Mar 4  
9am - 11:30am  
Part 2 Wed, Mar 11  
9am - 11:30am

Part 1 Tues, Mar 10  
6pm - 8:30pm  
Part 2 Tues, Mar 31  
6pm - 8:30pm

Part 1 Sat, Mar 28  
10am - 12:30pm  
Part 2 Sat, Apr 25  
10am - 12:30pm

Part 1 Fri, Apr 10  
9am - 11:30am  
Part 2 Fri, Apr 24  
9am - 11:30am

Part 1 Tues, Apr 14  
6pm - 8:30pm  
Part 2 Tues, Apr 21  
6pm - 8:30pm

Wheel Throwing (Mugs)  
Must have taken Part 1 & Part 2 of Basics  
Wed, Apr 1  
9am - 11:30am  
Tues, Apr 28  
6pm - 8:30pm

Hand Building (Mugs)  
Thurs, Mar 12  
1pm - 3pm  
Thurs, Apr 23  
1pm - 3pm  
(Charcuterie Board)  
Fri, Mar 27  
1pm - 3pm  
Wed, April 8  
1pm - 3pm

310 McPherson (the old DB) Ft. Leavenworth, KS

[leavenworth.armymwr.com](https://leavenworth.armymwr.com)

[artsandcraftsfortleavenworth@gmail.com](mailto:artsandcraftsfortleavenworth@gmail.com)

**March - April Workshops**

**Framing**

\$40 per class

Intro to Framing  
Friday, March 13  
Saturday, March 28  
10am - 2pm

Friday, April 10  
Saturday, April 25  
10am - 2pm



scan for more info

**Crafts**

\$25 per class

Jewelry Making  
Wednesday, March 25  
9:30am - 11am

Tuesday, March 31  
6pm - 7:30pm

Pressed Flower Suncatcher  
Wednesday, April 22  
10am - 12pm

Friday, April 24  
1pm - 3pm



Mar



Apr

Tues & Thurs 9am - 7pm, Wed & Fri 9am - 4pm  
Every 4th Sat of the month 9am - 2pm  
Call now to register: (913) 684-3373

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Great for the whole family with supplies for any craft, personalized gift, or project you have in mind!

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**Kids Classes**

**NEW! Pottery**

\$20 per class (ages 7+)

Kids Hand Building  
Thursday, Mar 12  
4pm - 5:30pm

Friday, Apr 3  
10:30am - 12pm

Friday, Apr 17  
2:30pm - 4pm



**Color Me Happy**

\$10 per class  
Parent & Toddlers

Thursdays  
Mar 5 & Mar 26  
10am - 11am

Thursdays  
Apr 9 & Apr 23  
10am - 11am

**Art History**

\$20 per class (ages 7+)

Milkshakes & Monet  
Wednesday, Mar 25  
1pm - 3pm

Donuts & da Vinci  
Wednesday, Apr 15  
1pm - 3pm



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# MUNSON NOTES

## MUNSON NOTICES

■ Capt. Rebecca Paquette, a dietitian at Munson Army Health Center, and Maj. Thomas Johnston with the Combined Arms Command, Health and Holistic Fitness Program, will be at the **Post Exchange from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. MARCH 25 AND 27** to answer questions and share practical guidance on **SELECTING FOODS THAT FUEL THE BODY FOR PEAK PERFORMANCE**.

■ The **MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER PATIENT AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL** meets quarterly at MAHC. The PFPC captures voices and insights of patients and families to improve the patient care experience. The council is composed of volunteers who represent the interests of patients who receive care from MAHC. Volunteers can be active-duty, active-duty family member, retirees or retiree family members. Call 913-684-6211 or e-mail [usarmy.leavenworth.medcom-mahc.mbx.patient-advocate@health.mil](mailto:usarmy.leavenworth.medcom-mahc.mbx.patient-advocate@health.mil) if interested in participating.

■ After hours and on federal holidays, beneficiaries can call the **MHS NURSE ADVICE LINE** at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273). Nursing staff who support the NAL phone lines can assist beneficiaries with non-life-threatening medical concerns and provide further guidance. Beneficiaries experiencing a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**, such as severe shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, should call 911.

■ Your health is our priority. Talk to your provider at Munson Army Health Center about the **HPV VACCINE** and the best **CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING** plan for you. You can schedule an appointment by calling the appointment line at 913-684-6250.

■ It is important that military families new to the Fort Leavenworth community **ESTABLISH A NEW PRIMARY CARE MANAGER** for their health care needs. Munson Army Health Center offers a wide range of primary care providers to choose from for personalized care at a convenient on-post location. Once your new address is established in DEERS, call 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) and follow the prompts to establish a primary care manager at MAHC. Learn more about services at [munson.tricare.mil](http://munson.tricare.mil).

■ Service members, retirees, family members and Department of Defense federal employees on Fort Leavenworth are **ELIGIBLE 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>.

■ 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.

■ **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.

## Dental Corps' 115th anniversary



Photos by Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

The team at Smith Dental Clinic, ABOVE, marked the 115th anniversary of the U.S. Army Dental Corps (March 3), celebrating a legacy of protecting soldier health and readiness. The observance was conducted March 6 in conjunction with Dental Assistant Week. Dental readiness matters because untreated dental issues can quickly become mission-limiting in the field.

Dental Corps officers Capt. Brendan Keleman, Maj. Jin Pak and Capt. Kyle Wilson, LEFT, cut a celebratory cake marking 115 years of the U.S. Army Dental Corps.



Dental Assistants Connie Stubbs and Cpl. Paul Gekonge cut a cake honoring Dental Assistant Week March 6 at Smith Dental Clinic. By providing preventive care, treatment and support to dental officers, dental assistants play a critical role in ensuring soldiers remain healthy, deployable, and ready to serve.

# MEASLES

## IT ISN'T JUST A LITTLE RASH



Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

Measles symptoms typically include:



**High fever**  
(may spike to more than 104°F)



**Cough**



**Runny nose**



**Red and/or watery eyes**



**Rash**  
(breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin)

### Measles can be serious.

Measles can cause severe health complications, including pneumonia, swelling of the brain (encephalitis) and death.



**1 out of 5** people who get measles will be hospitalized.



**1 out of every 20** children with measles will get pneumonia, the most common cause of death from measles in young children.



**1 out of every 1,000** people with measles will develop brain swelling, which may lead to brain damage.



**1 to 3 out of 1,000** people with measles will die.

#### Long-term complications

A very rare, but deadly disease called subacute sclerosing panencephalitis can develop 7 to 10 years after a person has recovered from measles.



### You have the power to protect your child.

Provide your children with safe and long-lasting protection against measles by making sure they get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. Talk to your healthcare provider.



[www.cdc.gov/measles](http://www.cdc.gov/measles)