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## 1st responders thanked at USD 207's annual 9-11 Freedom Walk



Photo by Emilio Gutierrez/Fort Leavenworth Lamp Intern

Community members applaud first responder representatives Supervisory Security Guard Sgt. Sameer Shah, 67th Military Police Detachment (Military Working Dog) Operations NCO Sgt. 1st Class Shenique Gonzalez, Fort Leavenworth Emergency Services Assistant Fire Chief Dustin Hensley and Directorate of Emergency Services Game Warden Sgt. Darryll Watkins as they are recognized for their service during the annual Unified School District 207 Freedom Walk Sept. 11 at Normandy Field. Students from each school read aloud selected "What Freedom Means to Me" essays during the event. See last week's issue of the Fort Leavenworth Lamp to read the essays.

## CADD officer recognized for life-saving actions

mand Center of Excellence Public Affairs Officer

Of course, she couldn't know it at the time, but an appointment that sent Maj. Avalon Dillon home during the day on July 11 ended up changing the course of several peoples' lives, in addition to her own.

While returning to Fort Leavenworth from her home in Tonganoxie, Kansas, Dillon was the first on the scene of a twocar collision near the intersection of Tonganoxie Drive and Stranger Road. One of the drivers in an SUV had exited his vehicle and appeared to be unhurt, but two others in a minivan seemed to be in greater trouble. The airbags had deployed, the horn was blowing, and the vehicle was smoking.

Dillon, a career Military Police Corps officer and doctrine author at the Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, alerted authorities to the accident.

"I slam on the brakes, as soon as I get up close enough to the first vehicle, I call 911 and let them know (it was a) two-vehicle accident and gave a general description."

The 911 operator wanted more detailed information, and Dillon explained she had not had time to determine the severity of the accident. After hanging up, her training kicked in, and she began to assess the situ-

ation more fully.

While she was on the phone, another motorist had stopped and was talking to the elderly male driver of the minivan. The man was in and out of consciousness, but they needed him to shut off the vehicle to prevent fire from catching. Once the engine was off and the immediate danger minimized, Dillon turned her attention to the iniured elderly female passenger of the vehicle; however, reaching her was no easy feat.

"I had to get underneath the airbags and through to see the woman that was there," Dillon

The injuries were severe based on what she could see.

"I was fairly certain, based on her body position, how she was, that she had some closed fractures going on."

This, along with blood coming from an unknown injury and some of the woman's visible preexisting health issues, made Dillon sure that moving the woman was not advisable.

"So, I woke her up, got her conscious and was talking to her. She was kind of going in and out of shock because she would say, 'I'm really cold, I'm really cold,' and then she would start to fall asleep. And so, I was just talking to her, trying to wake her up."

When first responders arrived, they extracted the male

driver through the back seat of

the van. When they discussed

moving the woman, Dillon told

them not to. "Absolutely not," Dillon told the first responders. "This is an older lady, we're not going to touch her until the ambulance

Her astute evaluation of the severity of the woman's injuries and her ability to calmly provide this information to the firefighters got their concurrence to wait for medical personnel to arrive

The job then became keeping the woman conscious and as comfortable as possible.

"I kept her awake, kept her stable," she said. "I could tell she had broken both her wrists just based on the strength that she had, so I kind of crossed her arms to relieve the pressure from her upper body. And just kept her alert, kept her awake."

That included talking to the woman about her family (her husband was the driver of the vehicle), her children and grandchildren, church — really anything to keep her engaged

When further help did arrive, Dillon again recommended against a direct extraction based on the woman's injuries. The first responders adjusted their plan based on her advice. By taking out the beam between the passenger side door and the rear door, they could more easily

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## SAMS students explore lethality, innovation, transformation though Al education

by Retired Col. Matt Yandura/Assistant Professor, School of Advanced Military

In late July 2025, the Advanced Military Studies Program at the School of Advanced Military Studies launched its first-ever experimental, three-day Practical Application of Artificial Intelligence module.

The mission was simple: transform the program with an innovative, hands-on AI learning experience for students and faculty. The purpose was to enable warfighter lethality through AI education and train-

"AI is changing the character of warfare. Our graduates have to be ready to lead formations powered by AI — and that's why we did something about it," SAMS Director Col. Dwight Domengeaux said.

AMSP Director Dr. Bruce Stanley said he envisioned a

module that pushed institutional

norms about how mid-career of-



ficers learn about AI and learn with AI.

"Did we accept risk? Yes, we did — to create a critical learning opportunity for our students," Stanley said. "We knew what was at stake, and we trusted our faculty and students to make it work."

According to AMSP faculty, the module's experimental instructional design was key, consisting of 10.5 hours of total classroom contact time divided over three lessons.

"We covered a lot of ground with our students in three days,"

SEE SAMS AI EDUCATION A5



## A critical link



## Addressing suicide risk in sexual violence survivors

by the Fort Leavenworth SHARP Team

September is Suicide Prevention Month and this year's theme is "We are Stronger Together. Connect to Protect."

As part of a partner program falling under the Directorate of Prevention, Readiness and Resilience (DPRR), we wanted to share some thoughts on a really critical and often overlooked issue: the link between sexual violence and suicide.

It's a heavy topic, but it's something that both leaders and civilian professionals in our Army need to understand.

Sexual violence is, unfortunately, common in and out of the service, and the trauma it causes can have a profound impact on a person's mental health. We see a clear connection between this trauma and an increased risk of suicidal thoughts and attempts. It's a painful reality that we need to address directly.

#### What's really going on

This isn't a simple connection; it's a complex one.

When someone experiences sexual violence, it can completely shatter his/her sense of safety and self-worth. This can lead to deep feelings of hopelessness, which are a major risk factor for suicide. Trauma can also affect how the brain works, making it harder to manage emotions and leading to a higher chance of developing other conditions like depression or substance abuse, all of which increase suicide risk. Add to that the stigma and difficulty of finding help, and it's easy to see how survivors can feel completely alone.

#### Where we can do better

Across the Army, the systems were not designed to handle this intersection. Sexual violence support services, including SHARP and Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, and suicide prevention resources often operate in separate silos under their own policies and practices. The current Army Transformation Initiative has helped in some respects to unify the various programs; however, standardiza-

tion of hierarchy and program structures across the Army is unknown at this time. Anytime there is a lack of unity, gaps can exist.

#### A call to action

We can't solve this alone. This will require a collective effort from everyone in our organization, regardless of our specific roles. The Army's "no wrong door" approach is a critical principle here — it means that anyone who needs help, no matter where they turn first, should be able to access the support they need. Our sexual assault response coordinators (SARCs) and victim advocates play a crucial role by conducting non-clinical safety assessments to victims of sexual violence to ensure immediate support and warm hand-off to clinical providers, if needed.

Here are a few things we should all con-

#### Foster collaboration

We need to find ways for all departments and teams to work together seam-

lessly, ensuring that when survivors reach out, they are met with a coordinated, integrated response.

#### • Seek education

Let's get everyone on board with specialized, trauma-informed training. All personnel, not just advocates and counselors, should be equipped to recognize and respond to risk. Ask, Care, Escort-Suicide Intervention (ACE-SI) training compliance for first-line leaders, Army civilian supervisors and soldier and family readiness group leaders are critical to achieving this goal.

#### • Raise awareness

We can all help by talking more openly about these issues. The more we destigmatize the conversation, the more likely survivors are to seek the help they need.

We believe that by recognizing the vulnerability of survivors and committing ourselves to a more integrated approach, we can all make a huge difference.





#### ASK, CARE, ESCORT-SUICIDE INTERVENTION (ACE-SI)

#### WHAT IS IT

As the Army's enhanced suicide prevention unit training program, ACE-SI empowers service members by providing comprehensive instruction on how to appropriately and deliberately intervene in crisis situations, and to recognize and assist at-risk individuals who are dealing with challenges.

The program teaches participants to remain calm, ask directly about suicidal ideation, express empathy and safely escort at-risk individuals to the appropriate response agency or to remain with them until help arrives. Under ACE-SI, Army members are taught their roles in postvention response after someone dies by suicide as well as their reintegration responsibilities for individuals returning from after receiving behavior-health support.

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

All Army members should take this training, especially leaders, who hold positions of trust and can encourage subordinates to seek help. Examples include:

- Army first-line leaders
- Army Civilian supervisors
- Soldier and Family Readiness Group leaders



#### TYPES OF LESSONS

Based on scientific literature concerning suicide and best practices for intervention, the program includes record training for suicide prevention: ACE Base +1 training, material to include *Reducing Stigma, Active Listening*, and *Practicing ACE*. The Base module is required annually and includes the steps of "Ask, Care, Escort" and then unit leadership elects one of the three +1 modules to train. In addition, the program covers risk factors for harmful behaviors and protective (resilience) factors. Certified ACE-SI instructors explain the far-reaching effects of suicide and Army members' prevention and intervention responsibilities. They arm students with conversation tools to promote active listening so that individuals in crisis feel heard and understood.

All Army units will have ACE-SI trainers to support commanders with prevention and intervention. It is recommended that they conduct the annual Personal Readiness Training, ACE Base +1, for their units. Instructors are supported by a behavioral health professional or on-call chaplain.

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## TRICARE West Region referral approval waiver deadline is Sept. 30

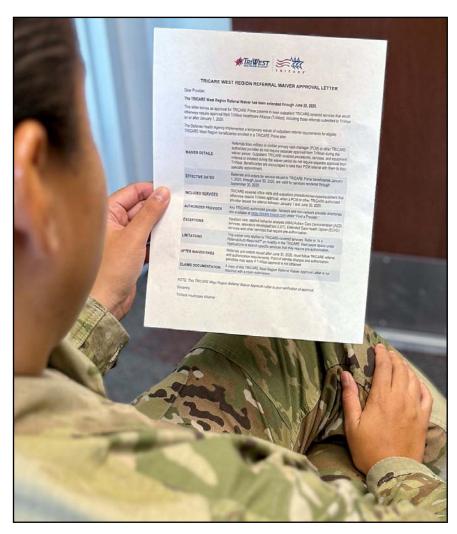


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TRICARE issued a reminder that the West Region referral approval waiver deadline is Sept. 30. If a beneficiary used the West Region referral approval waiver to see a specialist between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2025, and the patient needs to continue seeing that specialist, he/she will need to get a new referral to a network specialist before Oct. 1, 2025.

by Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries on Fort Leavenworth and surrounding communities who used the referral approval waiver between Jan. 1 and June 30 and are still receiving specialty care off post using the waiver need a new referral before Oct. 1.

The referral approval waiver was issued by the Defense Health Agency in January to minimize disruption to care while a new regional contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, transitioned to provide services.

This meant beneficiaries in TRICARE Region West did not need to wait for TriWest to approve referrals issued by their primary care manager before receiving outpatient specialty care off post.

"If you are currently seeing a specialist using that waiver, this is a critical deadline coming up. Referrals issued during the referral approval waiver period end Sept. 30, and you may be subject to out-of-pocket expenses after that time if you haven't taken action to update your referral," said Toni. McCall,

MAHC's Business Operations Division chief.

MAHC transitioned back to TriWest referral processing in early June, and thus, many referrals were already processed by TriWest and may already be valid past the Sept. 30 deadline associated with the referral approval waiver.

"Because we resumed referral processing early in June, patients should first verify the validity of their current referral before requesting a new one," McCall said, emphasizing that this expiration only applies to ongoing care received using the referral approval waiver.

#### Check referral status first

The fastest and most efficient way for patients to check their referral's valid dates is by logging into the TriWest Patient Portal at https://tricare.triwest.com/en/beneficia ry, where the regional contractor reviews referrals submitted by a patient's primary care manager for approval and authorization.

For patients who don't use the portal, they can call Tri-West directly at 888-TRI-WEST (874-9378) to inquire about the status of an existing referral.

#### Only request a new referral if necessary

If the TriWest portal shows no authorization for continued care after Sept. 30, 2025, then the beneficiary will need to follow these steps:

• The preferred method for requesting a new referral is to send a secure message to a beneficiary's primary care team through the MHS GEN-ESIS Patient Portal secure message function https://my.mhsgenesis.health. mil/. This allows for efficient communication and recordkeeping.

• If a patient does not have access to the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, he/she can call the Munson Army Health Center Appointment Line at 913-684-6250 and request that a message be sent to his/her primary care team.

"We want to make this transition as smooth as possible for our beneficiaries at Fort Leavenworth," McCall said. "By checking your referral status first, you can avoid unnecessary steps and ensure you receive the care you need without interruption."



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## Beagle retires after 35 years of service



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Capt. Jordan Beagle presents the U.S. flag to his father, Lt. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr., during the senior Beagle's retirement ceremony Sept. 5 at the Lewis and Clark Center. Lt. Gen. Beagle retired after 35 years of service.

by Sgt. 1st Class Summer Woode/Combined Arms Center Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Milford H. "Beags" Beagle Jr. stood on the stage in Eisenhower Auditorium Sept. 5, his voice catching as he glanced toward his wife. For a man who had delivered countless speeches inside this building, this one was different. It was per-

"I've been that turtle," he told the audience, recalling an old saying that a turtle on a fence post didn't get up there on its own. "People lifted me up and showed me what was possible. Progress may be slow, but with help, you can get there."

The image projected on the screen of a lone turtle on a fence post was simple, but for Beagle it captured a lifetime of leadership, mentorship and service. After 35 years in the Army, the commander of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center was retiring,

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— Lt. Col. Joshua Mendoza

regarding retired Lt. Gen. Milford

**Executive Officer.** 

Beagle Jr.

closing a chapter stretched from platoon leader to three-

His career carried the weight of family history. His great-grandfather, Pvt. Wal-Beagles, trained at the former Camp Jackson in South Carolina during World War l, when Black soldiers were segregated relegated to labor battalions.

Α century later, Beagle returned to those same gates as commanding general of Fort Jackson.

"The gates my great-grandfather came through are the same gates I came through," he told Army

Times in 2019. "You're standing on some-

body's shoulders."

Those shoulders elevated him to make his own history when he became the first Black commanding general of CAC and Fort Leavenworth in 2022.

But his journey almost started differently. As a teenager, Beagle was ready to enlist right out of high school at the age of 17. His mother, however, had other plans. She insisted he attend college first. He listened, enrolling at South Carolina State University, where he eventually joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps. That decision set him on a path that not only fulfilled his

mother's wish but also led him to commission as a second lieutenant in 1990.

Beagle later earned master's degrees from Kansas State University and the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies. Over the decades, he commanded the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Jackson, led the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum, New York, deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, served in South Korea and held a staff assignment at the Pentagon.

Through it all, his wife, Pam, was beside him. Raised in Blackville, South Carolina, she said the Army gave her opportunities she never imagined.

"Being from a very small town, I never saw myself doing the things I'm doing now," she said. "This journey gave me personal growth — learning resilience, raising our kids, supporting him through it all."

Another role, she added, was supporting

"I hope I made a difference by sharing my experiences with other spouses. Sometimes support means just being there."

Those who served with Beagle said his authenticity set him apart. Lt. Col. Joshua Mendoza, Beagle's executive officer, said his first impression was of a leader who lived up to his repu-

tation. "He is exactly who people say - an authentic leader who puts others and their time before his own," Mendoza said.

He recalled Beagle's practice of writing hundreds of personal notes, a tradition that continued throughout his command.

"That resonated across CAC," Mendoza said. "Genuine care and concern for

the team will go further toward progress than any other action."

Mendoza said Beagle's leadership style could be summed up in one word: empowering.

"He trusted his team," Mendoza said. "He'd say, 'Less follow up and more follow through.' That trust inspired us to give our best."

The sentiment was echoed by Gen. Gary Brito, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, who presided over the retirement ceremony.

"You will not find a more genuine, authentic, caring and talented leader," Brito



Photo by Combined Arms Center Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr., stands with his wife, Pam, during his retirement ceremony Sept. 5 in Eisenhower Auditorium at the Lewis and Clark Center. Beagle relinquished command of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth in another ceremony earlier that day. Beagle's relinquishment of command story was published in last week's *Fort Leavenworth Lamp* and at https://www.army.mil/article/288426/lt\_gen\_beagle\_relinquishes\_command\_of\_combined\_arms\_center\_fort\_leavenworth.

said. "He always delivered a steady hand, steady leadership and good ideas. Most importantly, he invested in others."

When Beagle spoke about his family, his voice broke again. He told the audience how his father, a truck driver sparing with praise, once shook his hand after a promotion and, for the first time, said he was

"That moment drove me to always tell my boys how proud I am of them — and how much I respect them," Beagle said.

He turned to Pam with emotion.

"You are the love of my life, my greatest blessing," he said. "Spouses don't volunteer for the Army. They volunteer for us. And I appreciate every spouse in this room, but

especially mine, for all she's given." Beagle closed with another metaphor,

comparing his career to the growth of a

Chinese bamboo tree, which shows no

growth for years before suddenly sprouting

90 feet in a week.

"That's what investment looks like," he said. "Legacy is not what you give to someone — it's what you put in someone. That's what matters."

From his great-grandfather's segregated service to his own rise as a three-star general, Beagle's story is one of perseverance and progress.

"Retirement is a reward, not a risk," he said. "Taking off the stars doesn't define me. My purpose is still my purpose — helping others, mentoring, giving back. A change of clothes won't take that away."

As the audience applauded a tremendous career, Beagle reflected on the next

"As I walk away from this journey that I absolutely love, I have no regrets," he said. "I don't know what I want to do next, but it's going to be epic."

### CADD officer recognized (continued from Page A1)

move the woman directly onto a back board. From there, she was taken to the hospital. Medical personnel on the scene told Dillon they expected the woman to recover.

When Dillon returned to her office at CADD's Operational Level Doctrine Division, she explained what had happened, but assured her colleagues it was not a big deal. They disagreed.

Her supervisor, Lt. Col. Christian Cook, said her downplaying the incident did not surprise him, and described Dillon as an exceptional, yet humble, officer.

"Most people would not have slowed down and (would have) assumed that this was someone else's problem," he said. "Avalon not only stopped to check on the victims of an accident, but she also chose to involve herself by rendering aid until EMS arrived. I am proud to be on a team with her, and happy that she is a member of the greater Leavenworth community."

On-scene firefighter Jacob E. Thomas also saw Dillon's efforts as noteworthy.

"Ms. Dillon's quick actions, kind heart, and confident attitude significantly contributed to the patient being loaded into the ambulance safely where she could be transported to KU Med," Thomas wrote in a statement provided to the Leavenworth Sheriff's office. "She is alive in no small part due to Ms. Dillon's actions. Our community is fortunate and lucky to have people as selfless as Ms. Dillon who are willing to go out of their way to help others."

On reflection, Dillon attributes



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

Maj. Avalon Dillon, doctrine author, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, is congratulated by Mission Command Center of Excellence Director Brig. Gen. Antwan Dunmyer Sr. prior to presenting her with an Army Commendation Medal Sept. 12 at MCCoE Head-quarters. Dillon rendered aid to victims of a car accident in July, and her actions specifically contributed to an elderly woman's survival of the collision.

her training as an MP with some of her skill on scene; however, she also noted that growing up in rural Colorado, she and her brother were taught to always help others, especially in their time of need. Those experiences also prepared her for this day.

"We were expected to jump in and help and take care of people," she said.

On Sept. 12, the Mission Com-

mand Center of Excellence team gathered to recognize Dillon's actions on that July day. MCCoE Director Brig. Gen. Antwan Dunmyer Sr. presented Dillon with an impact Army Commendation Medal after hearing remarks on the heroism she displayed at the scene of the acci-

Noting that this presentation comes a day after 9/11, Dunmyer

expressed his admiration for Dillon's actions and for those who selflessly went into harm's way 24 years ago.

"When you look at not just the incident and not just what the enemy did to us, but all the people like you who stepped up and didn't have to — to go to the rescue of a whole bunch of people. That's the character of Americans. That is the character of soldiers

that serve in our Army. That's the character of leaders that are in our society that we want in our Army," he said

For her part, Dillon was unsurprisingly matter of fact in describing her takeaway from the experience.

"Just be there and take care of people," she said.

### SAMS AI education (continued from Page A1)

AMSP Associate Professor Dr. Jacob Mauslein said. "Subjects ranged from AI theory and ethical considerations of AI, to applying AI tools and leading AI-enabled organizations."

A novel feature of the module was that it was developed by AMSP students. As a task in their Future Operational Environment course, six students from the Class of 2025, mentored by two faculty, developed the AI module that would be taught to the Class of 2026. The students' final draft was adopted almost without change by the faculty.

"Incorporating students as full participants in the process allowed us to co-develop lesson objectives and materials that deeply mattered to them," said Dr. Luke Herrington, one of the faculty leads for the module.

Meeting students where they were in terms of their AI skills and then taking them to the next level was part of the academic approach for the AI module, Herrington explained.

"SAMS is a warfighting school — so we chose learning activities that would help us become more lethal warfighters with AI," said Maj. Justin Webb, 2025 AMSP student, and one of the module's developers. "Using AI tools like CamoGPT, Ask Sage and others for several hours over three days helped



Photo by Retired Col. Matt Yandura/School of Advanced Military Studies

Maj. Dan Foley, Advanced Military Studies Program student at the School of Advanced Military Studies, shares his plan for using Al during an off-campus practical exercise in July.

us get there."

Some students in the 2026 class were initially skeptical of using AI.

"At first, I didn't know what I didn't know," said Army Maj. Stuart Allgood, an Armor officer SAMS student. "But by the end of the first day, my thinking about AI had changed. After the second day, I could use AI tools I had never even heard of."

Maj. Callum Knight, an intelligence officer from the United Kingdom, summed up his experience.

"Before this course I viewed AI as just a data point," Knight said. "Now that I've experienced what's possible with AI, I realize it's an imperative that is going to impact everything I do going forward."

So, what's next for AI at SAMS?

"Based on what our students got out of this, we intend to add more AI learning moments across the program," Stanley said. "The priority now is to integrate AI into our upcoming operational warfare practi-

cal exercise."

AMSP is one of the three distinct academic programs within SAMS. The other two SAMS programs are the Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program (ASLSP), which is a Senior Service College equivalent, and the Advanced Strategic Planning and Policy Program (ASP3), also known as the Goodpaster Scholars, which is a post-graduate degree program.



## Army issues updated directives

## Updates made to appearance, grooming standards

by U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army announced an update to its appearance, grooming and uniform wear standards policy in a new directive resulting from a force-wide review of military standards.

The updated policy clarifies existing standards and establishes new standards,

emphasizing military appearance as a reflection of discipline, professionalism and a shared commitment to the Army's values.

"What sets the U.S. Army apart is our professionalism, and that's a direct reflection of committed soldiers who adhere to and enforce the standards," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army

Michael Weimer. "This definitive guidance gives leaders the tools they need to do just that. You don't have to memorize it, but you should know what right looks like."

Key changes include precise definitions for hairstyles, including authorized lengths, styles and accessories for both male and female soldiers. Standards for cosmetics, fingernails and jewelry have also been clarified. The directive also provides clarified standards for uniform and insignia wear and body composition assessments.

The new policy was informed and developed by a representative group of leaders and stakeholders

from across the Army. There was an overwhelming consensus on the need to realign all Army standards with warfighting priorities and eliminate ambiguity to allow shared understanding of the standards.

Soldiers will adhere to updated standards within 30 days of the date of this directive. Commanders,

supported by NCOs, have the authority to enforce appearance, uniform and body composition standards consistent with the intent of the new directive.

To read the directive, https://armypubs. army.mil/ProductMaps/Pu bForm/Details.aspx?PUB\_I D=1032008.

## Army exempts soldiers who score 465 or higher on Army Fitness Test from body fat standards

by U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army has published a new directive exempting soldiers who score 465 points or more on the new Army Fitness Test (AFT) from body fat standards.

Soldiers must score 80 points or more in each event, and no alternative events are permitted.

"This is a welcome continuation of our

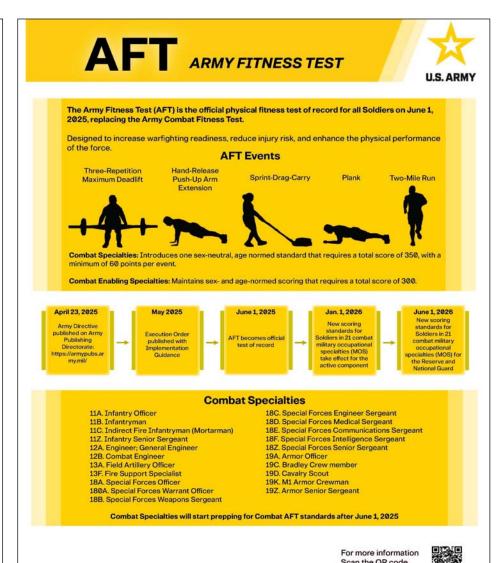
previous policy under the former Army Combat Fitness Test," said Sgt. Maj. Christopher Stevens, senior enlisted advisor, U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1. "It rewards soldiers who consistently demonstrate high levels of fitness, which supports readiness, health and creates a culture that values performance."

All soldiers must still conduct a height and weight screening, and their data must be recorded on a Department of the Army Form 5500 or DA Form 5501. Soldiers who do not meet the height and weight standards but qualify for exemption will not be required to conduct a circumference-based tape assessment.

The directive is effective immediately, applying to all Army components and to the general and combat variants of the AFT. Exemptions are valid until the next record test, not to exceed 8 months for Regular Army and Active Guard Reserve soldiers or 12 months for National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers. Soldiers who fail to re-validate within these timelines are subject to body fat assessments and flagging actions for body fat assessment failures.

Visit https://armypubs.army.mil/ProductMaps/PubForm/Details.aspx?PUB\_ID =1031887 to read the directive. To learn more about the Army Fitness Test, visit https://www.army.mil/aft/.









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## Armed Forces Bank named 'Distinguished Bank of Year'

by Armed Forces Bank Press

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (Sept. 15, 2025) - Armed Forces Bank was recently recognized by the U.S. military for its commitment to military families and veterans when the Department of the Army honored Armed Forces Bank at Fort Leavenworth with the "Distinguished Bank of the Year" award during the Association of Military Banks of America (AMBA) Military Banking Summit 2025Aug. 24-29 in Col-

orado Springs, Colorado. Armed Forces Bank has now earned this recognition 14 of the last 15 years, underscoring its reputation as a trusted financial partner to the military community providing the financial services, products and education that most benefit service members and their families. Altogether, Armed Forces Bank has received a total of 30 Distinguished Bank of the Year awards since 1997, including 14 from the Navy, nine from the Army, and seven from

the Air Force. This recognition marks the first time Armed Forces Bank at Fort Leavenworth has received this award. The Fort Leavenworth branch is part of the organization's footprint of 14 branches on 12 military installations in

10 states. "For 118 years, we have dedicated ourselves to removing financial barriers and creating opportunities for military members, veterans and their families," said Paul Holewinski, CEO of Armed Forces Bank and Dickinson Financial Corporation. "This recognition underscores that we are listening closely to our milicommunity, understanding their financial challenges and responding with solutions that truly make a difference."

Each year, the Departments of the Air Force, Navy and Army select one on-base financial institution for this honor, with only three institutions nationwide earning the title annually. The awards recognize the bank's "extraordinary contributions" the previous year toward "enhancing the financial wellbeing and resilience of the military and veteran population" and its "indispensable role in supporting the financial stability of military personnel and their families."

#### Community impact at Fort Leavenworth

The Distinguished Bank

of the Year recognition celebrates Armed Forces Bank at Fort Leavenworth for its innovative financial education programs, strong base partnerships and deep community involvement. From sponsoring family programs like Family and

Morale, Welfare and Recre-

ation events, change-of-

command ceremonies, and Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day, to leading food pantry and holiday donation drives, the Fort Leavenworth team exemplifies the spirit of service that defines Armed Forces Bank. Its community impact extends through partnerships with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Association of the United States Army and the Fort Leavenworth Spouses Club, as well as volunteer work with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Wreaths Across America. The award also highlights the remarkable dedication of team member Tina Farr, whose more than 40 years of service exemplify the bank's enduring presence and trusted role within the Fort Leavenworth commu-

"Our mission goes beyond banking — we are committed to supporting the financial well-being of military families and service members," said McLean, senior vice president and regional military executive for Armed Forces Bank. "What sets us apart is nearly 80 percent of our team members have a personal connection to the military, whether as a servmember, military spouse, dependents or veterans. This shared experience equips us to deliver solutions that truly resonate with the military commu-

#### Innovating to better serve

With a constant focus on innovation to help military clients effectively manage their finances, Armed Forces Bank offers services designed specifically to meet the needs of military personnel and their families, including:

Stretching budgets

Access Rewards Checking helps military families stretch their budgets with distinctive rewards, local and national discounts and cash-back online shopping rewards. Identity theft and credit monitoring provide additional security to protect those who protect our country.

Putting down roots

As an approved VA lender, Armed Forces Bank eliminates the need for veterans and active-duty service members to coordinate with the VA. The dedicated VA lending experts at Armed Forces Bank handle every step with the whiteglove service to the military and to veterans that is ingrained in the bank's cul-

· Building credit An Armed Forces Bank Credit Builder Secured Visa Credit Card can help establish or rebuild credit on everyday purchases. Card holders deposit an amount from \$300 up to \$3,000 into a Credit Builder Savings Account to set their credit limit. By making on-time payments and keeping balances low, service members can improve credit.

• Sage financial advice Armed Forces Bank offers insightful financial advice on its "Militarily Speaking" podcast, which shares success stories and insights about financial practices, as well as strategies to help service members get ahead.

• Heroes Round Up

Heroes Round Up is a new initiative empowering customers to round up debit card purchases to support the Veterans Community Project, a nonprofit dedicated to ending veteran homelessness nationwide.

#### Commitment to

military

Armed Forces Bank's steadfast commitment to meeting the unique needs of military members is recognized through numerous national accolades. Recent honors include being named "Top 5 Best Banks for Military" by Yahoo! Finance. In addition, Armed Forces Bank was the only bank this year to earn the "Veterans Saves Community Impact Award," as well as one of only four banks nationwide to be awarded the "Designation of Savings Excellence." These two honors from the Consumer Federation of America are the nation's only awards focused on helping veterans improve financial stability. Armed Forces Bank has earned the Designation of

Savings Excellence 10 times

over the past 12 years. Additional accolades include being ranked No. 2 among Kansas City area's top five strongest large banks with \$1 billion or more in assets by the Kansas City Business Journal.

#### **About Armed Forces** Bank

Armed Forces Bank, founded and headquartered at Fort Leavenworth, is a full-service military bank committed to serving those who serve since 1907. Armed Forces Bank provides affordable, personal and convenient banking and financial services to both active-duty and retired military, as well as civilian clients in all 50 states and around the world. Approximately 80 percent of Armed Forces Bank associates have some type of military affiliation either by spouse, retired themselves or their

children. Armed Forces Bank has \$1.4 billion in assets and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dickinson Financial Corporation, a \$4.4 billion bank holding company headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. Armed Forces Bank's sister bank, Academy Bank, is a full-service community bank with more than 75 branch locations in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri

## **USD 207 Notice of Hearing Sept. 29**

State of Kansas **Budget Form USD-A**  USD # 207 2025-2026

Arkansas.

#### Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 207 will meet on the 29th day of September 2025 at 4:00 PM at 207 Education Way, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at the District Office and on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	j	2023-2024 Ac	tual	2024-2025 Ac	tual	2025-2026	Proposed Budge	et
			Actual		Actual		Amount of 2025	Est. Tax
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OPERATING								
General	06	10,025,395	20.000	11,106,646	20.000	11,882,995	33,488	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	3,348,239	1.028	3,692,108	3.006	3,962,769	3,933	2.755
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	4,327,259		4,327,259		9,028,780		
At Risk (K-12)	13	304,952		357,127		450,000		
Bilingual Education	14	250,731		314,160		350,000		
Capital Outlay	16	12,440,554	4.000	13,489,864	0.810	20,000,000	1,099	0.742
Food Service	24	974,509		801,654		1,325,000		
Professional Development	26	397,206		367,089		575,000		
Parent Education Program	28	45,000		45,000		41,000		
Special Education	30	3,250,000		4,500,000		6,000,000		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	1,887,800		1,912,930		2,050,000		
Contingency Reserve	53	56,545		96,681				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	671,532		90,509				
Activity Fund	56	30,671		27,823				
DEBT SERVICE		0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	38,010,393	25.028	41,128,848	23.816	55,665,544	38,520	23.497
Less: Transfers	105	1,394,635		3,265,956		2,774,799		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	36,615,758		37,862,892		52,890,745	_	
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Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$1,659,070	l l	\$1,669,480		\$1,674,414		

Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$1,659,070	\$1,669,480	\$1,674,414
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023	2024	2025
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0	0	0
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0	0	0

\$1,659,070

129

Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay

\* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills \*\* USD 207's Tax Rates will not exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rates.

\$1,669,480

Clerk of the Board

\$1,674,414

# Community remembers fallen with annual run/walk



Staff Sgt. Rosemary Gonzalez encourages her dog Knucke to keep going as they finish the Run/Walk for the Fallen Sept. 13 by the Resiliency Center.



Photo by Emilio Gutierrez/Fort Leavenworth Lamp Intern

Marine Lt. Col. Tyler Folan gives a thumbs-up to everyone cheering as he pushes sons Owen and Theo Folan toward the finish line of the Run/Walk for the Fallen Sept. 13 by the Resiliency Center.





ABOVE: Nine-year-old Evan Douglass, followed by Capt. Kunal Shrungarkar, runs as fast as he can to finish the Run/Walk for the Fallen Sept. 12 by the Resiliency Center. Participants wore bibs bearing the names of fallen service members in whose memory they ran or walked the race route.

LEFT: Lt. Col. Derek Thompson starts dancing to the music at the finish line of the Run/Walk for the Fallen while running backward Sept. 12 by the Resiliency Center. After finishing the race, Thompson turned around to run again while cheering everyone else on, encouraging them to finish the race strong and not give up.

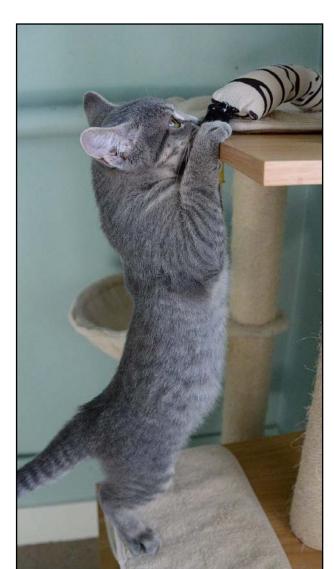
Photos by Emilio Gutierrez/ Fort Leavenworth Lamp Intern



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#### FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP

## Pet of the Week: Sherman



Sherman is a 3-month-old male kitten available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. Neuter surgery, vaccinations and microchipping are included in his adoption fee of \$100. E-mail fortleavenworthstrayfacility@gmail.com for an adoption application.

Visit www.FLSF. petfinder.com for adoptable pet profiles. Call 913-684-4939 (no voicemail) or 913-335-0788 (voicemail) for more information. Military affiliation is not required to adopt from the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility.

Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, at 510 Organ Ave., is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to noon the second Saturday of the month; and by appointment for pre-approved adopters. Call 913-684-4939 (no voicemail) or 913-335-0788 (voicemail) for an appointment.

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."

Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp



### **HOUSING UPDATES**

- The Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities **OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED SEPT. 19** for FLFHC's Day of Service. The FLFHC team will be lending a hand with maintenance and upkeep at HOPE Clinic, CASA, the Leavenworth County Humane Society, and the Leavenworth Mission Community Store.
- Following the Postwide Yard Sale, City Union Mission will be driving through housing SEPT. 21 TO COLLECT ANY LEFTOVER ITEMS set out to donate. To participate, place items at the curb clearly labeled "FOR CITY UNION MISSION."
- RESIDENT APPRECIATION WEEK is Sept. 22-26. Each day from 7-8 a.m., treats and drinks will be offered to residents during a MORNING DRIVE-THRU at the FLFHC Office at 220 Hancock Ave.
- Curbside BULK PICKUP IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. To help with PCS season, waste collection will pick up broken down boxes less than six feet long that won't fit in the curbside recycling bin. For large item recycling or disposal, see the options listed in the "PCS purge' resources" article in previous issues of the Fort Leavenworth Lamp.
- 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.
- CLEAR LAWNS of toys, hoses, bikes, trash, solar lights, fire pits, etc., before scheduled mowing. Mowers will skip areas that aren't cleared. Mowers are not responsible for damaged items. Children must stay away from mowers. Approaching or chasing equipment is prohibited and may delay service.





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E-mail usarmy.leavenworth.id-training.mbx.pao-inbox@army.mil.

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

## Saturday, Sept. 20

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - post wide

IT'S BACK!!! Don't miss all the bargains! Authorized off-post ID Card Holders can sell at the Old Bell Hall Parking Lot - no permit required.

ID's will be scanned at the gate beginning at 8 a.m. - everyone over 16 must have a valid Real ID or two forms of VCC approved IDs to access a military installation. Visitor pass is not needed for this event. Scan the QR code for more info on what is required for visitors to the Fort.

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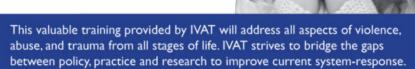
ACS is partnering with

### **IVAT** - Institute on Violence,

Abuse and Trauma 🗥 **Training Center** 



**Sept 19 - 24\*** from 1100 - 1500 CST on Zoom



\*24 hours of continuing education credits for the first 15 people who request CEU's that have licensures that fall under NASW or APA. This training is for Active Duty and Government Civilian Employees 18+ Must register by Sept 17.



Training topics include:

- Day I ACE's, Child Maltreatment Day 2 - Corporal Punishment, Child Custody in
- Day 3 Intro to Trauma-Informed Care, Vicarious Trauma Day 4 - Lifespan consequences of Children exposed to Domestic Violence and Abuse; Child Sexual Exploitation (Trends, Identification and Intervention)
- Day 5 The Intersection of Sexual Assault and Intimate
- Partner Violence, Teen Dating Violence Day 6 - Working with Male and Female Offenders



For more information call: 913-684-2822/2808







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#### Fort Leavenworth Horse Show

Hosted by FMWR & Fort Leavenworth Hunt



28 September 2025 8am - 4pm Wainwright Riding Complex 625 McPherson Avenue Fort Leavenworth

#### **Proof of Negative Coggins Test Required at Check-in**

Class No. Class Name Team or Individual Stadium jumping - 18 to 24 will include Individual cross rails

Stadium jumping - 2'3" to 2'6" Individual Follow the leader (Cross Country Jumping Teams of 2-4 riders

Hunt Style course) Handy Horse Skills Individual

Beginner walk /trot only on the Flat Individually judged, ridden

in a group in the arena Walk/Trot/ Canter on the Flat Individually judged, ridden in a group in the arena

Age divisions: Beginner Kids (Trot Only), Beginner Adults (Trot Only), Under 18, Adults 18 and older

Timed within divisions Age divisions: Beginner Kids (Trot Only), Beginner Adults (Trot Only), Under 18 and Adults 18 and older

Water bucket Timed

Toilet Paper/ Ribbon Race Teams of 2 riders 10

**COME RIDE** WITH US!



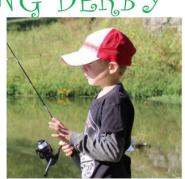
**SPECTATORS** WELCOME!

Timed within divisions

**BRING FRIENDS!** 

## KIDS FISHING DERBY

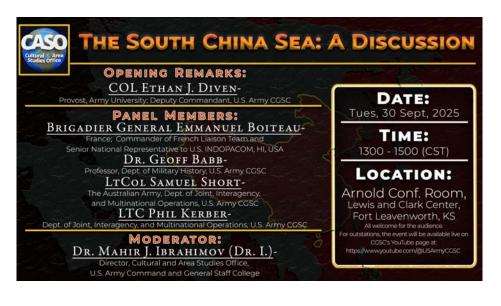




Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 8:00 AM CDT

Fall Kids Fishing Derby

Merritt Lake Ft Leavenworth



### MILITARY POLICE BALL

### 3 October 2025



**OPEN TO THE** 

**PUBLIC!** 

Join the Old We<mark>st Chapter of the MPRA for th</mark>e Military Polic<mark>e Ball held at Emb</mark>assy Suites Hilton Kansas City-International Airport

Address: 7640 N. W. Tiffany Springs Parkway \$15.00 over night self-parking

Ticket Prices (Guests Pay Their Soldier's Ticket Price): All Soldiers & Civilians: \$53

**Bring CASH for** the Cash Bar



**Event Highlights:** 

-Unique Take Home Gift

-Special Guest Speaker

Service Members: Dress Mess, Dress ASU, Dress AGSU, or Service Branch Equivalent Civilians: Formal Attire

Choice of Entrée:

Mushroom Ravioli Herb-Roasted Chicken Breast

Social Hour: 1730-1815

Receiving Line: 1815-1900

Ceremony/Dinner: 1900-2030 (Formal) Reception: 2030-2359 (Informal)

12oz KC Strip

**Timeline:** 

Purchase Tickets Here

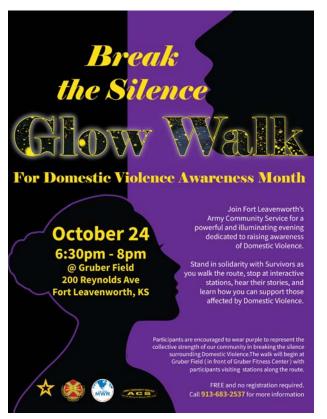
-DJ Entertainment -Guest Rooms are available for a discounted rate of \$135/night plus taxes

Reserve your room here



POC: 1LT Taylor, Shyla 913-684-4860











Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Fort Leavenworth is united against DV!







October is DVAM. Join ACS for these free events to unite against Domestic Violence!

Wear Purple Thursdays - every Thursday in October

October 2 @ 1:30pm - DVAM Proclamation Signing 600 Thomas Ave/ Ft. Leavenworth, KS

October 7, 14, 21, 28 - Relationship Education Series via TEAMS (link provided once registered by calling 913-683-2537)

October 14 - "Let's Chalk about Domestic Violence"

Contest details on the Ft. Leavenworth ACS Facebook page.

October 15 @ Ipm - 3pm - Family Advocacy Overview Brief Post Theater/ 375 Grant Ave/ Ft. Leavenworth, KS

October 17 - Winner announced from the "Let's Chalk about Domestic Violence" contest via Facebook.

Gruber Field off of Grant Ave/ Ft. Leavenworth, KS

October 24 @ 6:30pm - 8pm - Glow Walk

Domestic Violence Unit Briefs available upon request 913-683-2537



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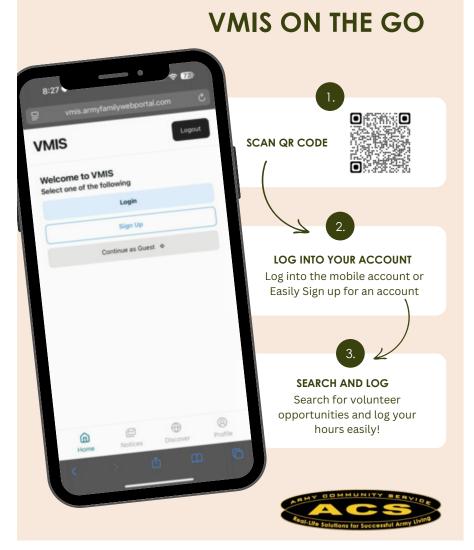












#### **Ay26 Know Your World Cultural Series** NETHERLANDS **SEPTEMBER 17 2025** ARGENTINA OCTOBER 29 2025 KUWAIT **JANUARY 28 2026** INDIA **FEBRUARY 18 2026** MARCH 25 2026 CABO-VERDE Presentations start at 1545 in Eisenhower Auditorium & on CGSC Facebook Open to the public-all are welcome to attend or view online All IMS Attend//Presenting IMS' Section expected to attend//All Staff Groups Highly Encouraged to Attend//Post Presentation Culinary Sampling Offerred to all who attend in Arter Atrium







### Fall 2025 Speaker Series **History Brunch**

Presented by the Frontier Army Museum & The Friends of the Frontier Army Museum (FFAM)

Light refreshments served at 10:30a, with presentations beginning at 11a.m.

September 13th

"Looking for Abraham Lincoln in Kansas" with Bill Stumpf

#### October 11th

"Santa Fe in World War II: Contributing to Victory" with LTC Bob Walz (ret)

#### **November 8th**

"Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC), The Greatest Generation and You!" Maj. Joe Grasela (ret)

#### December 6th

"History of Fort Sully" with Corps of Engineers Archaeologist Phillip Alig

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

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

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AND ENJOY A CELEBRATION OF OUR MILITARY AND CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM!

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONEL WITH A MILITARY ID





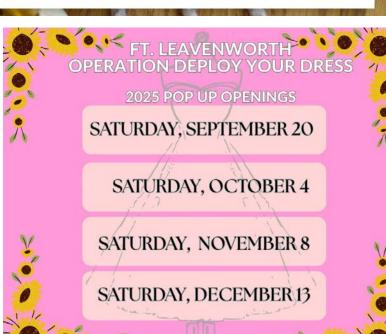
PRE-GAME EVENTS AND WELCOME STARTS AT 6:30PM





17 Pop-Up Camp Lejeune 20 Open Pantry Happy Botton 11:00 - 1:00 25 22 21 24 26 27 23 Fresh Food Open Pantry Happy Bottor 11:00 - 1:00 28 29 30





Mon- Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with limited hours Thur 1-4:30 p.m. | 913-684-HELP (4357) / 2800

September 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, 9:00am 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, 9:00-10:00am & 10:00-11:00am Resiliency Center Playroom



Fridays, 10:00 - 11:00am Resiliency Center Playroom

https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/



### **Childbirth Class Series**

Sept 8,15, 22 5:00-7:00pm Resiliency Center Room 157

#### **Dad's Night Out**

Sept 17, 6:00-8:00pm Restaurant TBD

### **Mom's Night Out**

Sept 24, 6:00-8:00pm Restaurant TBD

NPSP offers home visits for pregnancy through 3 years of age. Schedule your appointment with the NPSP team today!

HOME VISITS



#### **FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

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

#### **Anger Management Series** Sept 4, 11, 18, 25

1:30pm-3:00pm

#### **Co-Parenting Series** Sept 8, 15, 22, 29

11:00am -1:00pm

#### **Positive Parenting Series** via TEAMS

Sept 5, 12, 19, 26 1:30-3:00pm

#### Stress Management

Sept 18, 11:30am- 1:00pm



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

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## RMY COMMUNITY SERVICE



Mon- Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with limited hours Thur 1-4:30 p.m. | 913-684-HELP (4357) / 2800

September 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** Sept 6, 12:00-2:00pm Strike Zone Bowling Center \*Registration Required

Smooth Move offered upon request.

#### **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



#### **EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM**

**Resume Writing** Sept 10, 12:00-2:00pm

**Federal Employment** 

Sept 17,12:00-2:00pm

#### FEDERAL SKILLED WORKER CLASS



#### **Interview Skills & Professionalism**

Sept 24, 12:00-2:00pm

Follow us on FB @Fort Leavenworth ERP for job postings, career fairs, networking events, and more.

#### **ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF** (AER)

For emergency financial assistance, apply at https:// www.armyemergencyrelief.org/

facebook.com/FortLeavenworthACS

#### Financial Readiness Program



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



#### **SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES**

#### Walk/Run for the Fallen Sept 13, 8:00-10:00am

We will recognize Gold Star Mother's/Family Day on September 28, 2025.

Follow SOS@ https:// www.facebook.com/ FortLeavenworthSurvivorO utre achServices/

facebook.com/FortLeavenworthFMWR

#### **ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS**

#### **Volunteer Basics**

Sept 19, 12:00 - 1:00pm Visit: https://

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#### **MEMBER PROGRAM** (EFMP)

\*Registration Required for EFMP events

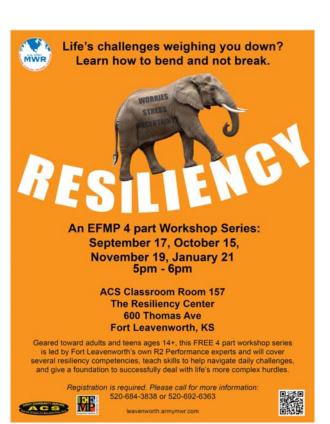
**EFMP Refreshing** 

Conversations Sept 4, 10:00-11:00am

#### **EFMP Recreational Bowling**

Sept 6, 12:00-2:00pm Strike Zone Bowling Center

https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/







quired the Wednesday before the event. ing Families, call ACS to reserve your spo

EFMP Caregrisonal Program

Call 913-684-2800 for more info or to register

Wednesdays @ 9am

The Resiliency Center

600 Thomas Ave

Fort Leavenworth, KS

Join ACS/ New Parent Support for

Learn through play as we build social skills,

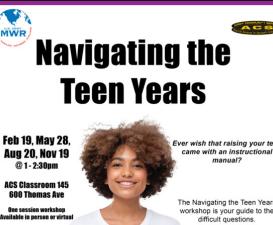
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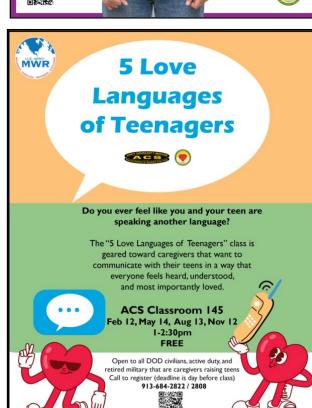
introduce preschool routines, and explore!

Toddler Time is free and open to

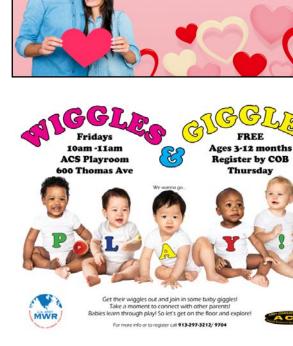
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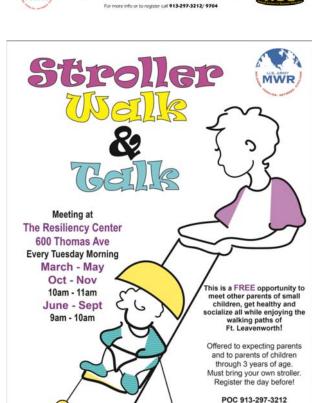
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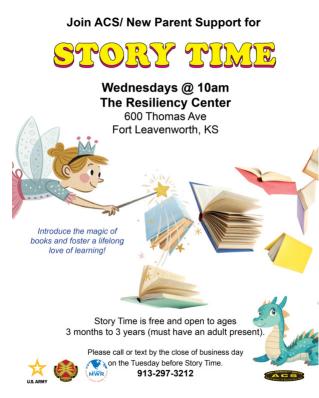














We're Hiring NOW!

Join our Team as a

**Child and Youth Program Assistant** 

at Fort Leavenworth!

Pay starts at \$18.71 per hour

FREE childcare for the 1st child and 25% discount for each additional child Regular Full-Time/ Part-Time & FLEX Hours Available

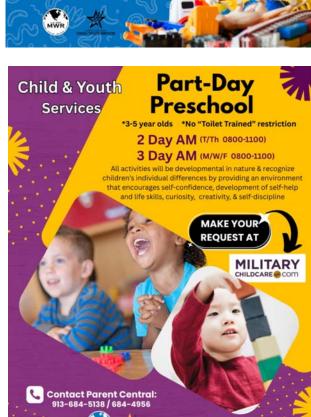
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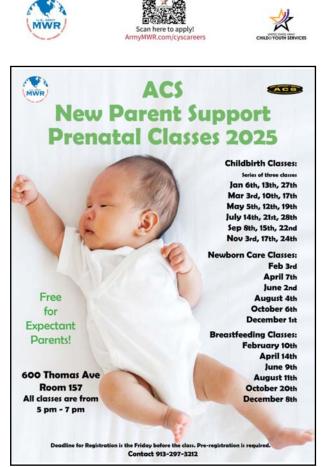
Paid Leave, & Paid Federal Holidays for Full-Time & Part-Time
Access to Commissary & AAFES Shopping Privileges & MWR Facilities

Career Progression & Paid Training

Medical, Dental, Vision, & Life Insurance Benefits \*

Retirement & 401K





Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

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

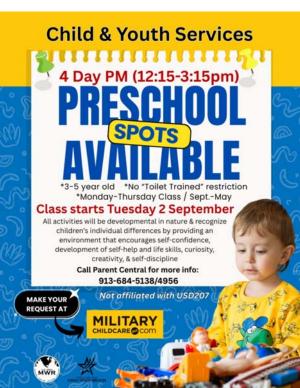


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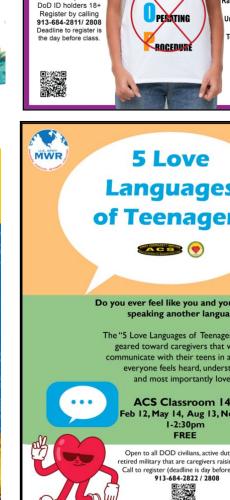










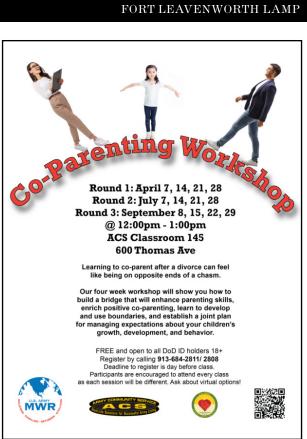






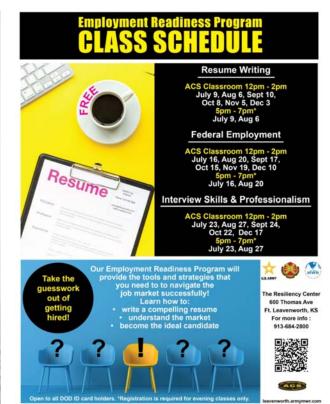


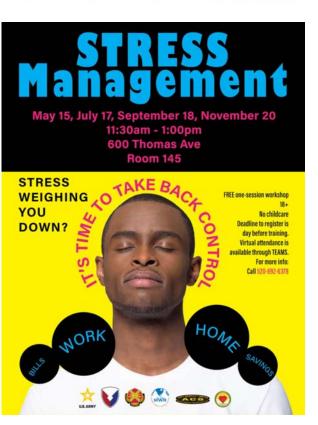


























## **PWOC**

Morning 8:30-11:00 Evening 6:30-8:00

August 19th KICKOFF

26th

September 16<sup>th</sup>

October 14<sup>th</sup> 21st PROGRAM

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11th NO PWOC 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> NO PWOC

November

9th PROGRAM

## Volunteer with Campus Life Military!

Do you have a heart for teens?

Do you love sharing the hope of Christ? **6** Want to impact youth from around the globe–right where you are?

We need caring adults who:

✓ Build relationships with teens

Lead fun activities & small groups

Support local ministry efforts ✓ Be a consistent, encouraging presence

Have a willing heart and a passion for Jesus!

**Ministry Activities:** Club **Small Groups Special Events** Camps / Trips Contacting

**Appointments** 





## Discipleship Training **Breakfast**

A YEAR LONG TOPICAL BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST FOCUSED ON INTEGRATING FAITH IN CHRIST INTO ALL DOMAINS OF OUR LIVES (PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY, PROFESSION, AND COMMUNITY)

0600-0730 EVERY TUESDAY IN PIONEER CHAPEL



## Looking for Community? Join Campus Life Military FB: Ft. Leavenworth Club - Campus Life Military Samantha Odle (605) 569-3820 / sodle@yfc.net IG: @campuslifefortleavenworth





#### Stay in the know at your Garrison

- Community Events Maintenance Requests

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Tuesday-Friday - 1200-1230 · Sunday Religious ED - 0810

SAVE THE DATE

**CWOC RETREAT** "PRAYER AND TEMPERAMENT **NOVEMBER** 



### 💢 U.S. ARMY

Mission: To provide Religious Support to all Soldiers, Family members, DA civilians, contractors, and retirees.



Pioneer Chapel 500 Pope Avenue

- PROTESTANT
   Traditional Worship 0830
  (Children's Church K-5th grade)
  - Sunday School 0945

#### MULTI-CULTURAL GOSPEL Sunday Worship – 1000

**CATHOLIC MASS** 



**Frontier Chapel** 

Contemporary Worship – 1100 (Children's Church – K-5th grade)

625 Thomas Avenue

CATHOLIC MASS

• Sunday – 0930

• Sunday Religious ED - 0810

• Sunday School – 0945



Memorial Chapel 626 Scott Avenue

• Sunday Worship – 0930

### August & September

#### **Kids Classes**

Color Me Happy

Parent & Toddlers

\$10 per class

Thursday

Thursday

Thursday

Thursday

August 28

10am - 11am

September 11

10am - 11am

September 25

10am - 11am

August 14 10am - 11am

#### Messy Art

\$12 per class

#### Ages 7+

Thursday August 7 11am - 12pm

Thursday August 21 11am - 12pm

Thursday September 4 11am - 12pm

Thursday September 18 11am - 12pm

#### Art History

\$20 per class (ages 7+)



Strawberries & Seurat Wednesday August 20

1pm - 3pm

Cookies & Carle Wednesday September 17



Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm Call now to register! (913) 684-3373



#### OPEN STUDIOS

Ask about our Hourly Fees

#### Multi-Craft Studio

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

#### Painting Studio

Provided watercolor and acrylic supplies to create your own masterpiece.

Assemble your own custom frames in our DIY Studio! Must take Intro to Framing before using DIY Studio.

#### Pottery/Ceramic Studio

We have all of the supplies you need for hand building and wheel throwing. We also offer a variety of customizable bisque pieces ready for you to glaze!

### **Pottery/Ceramic** Studio

### **New Pottery Classes!** Wheel Throwing

\$40 per class cost includes all supplies pre-registration required

Thursday August 14 11am - 1pm

Tuesday August 26 11am - 1pm Wednesday September 10 11am - 1pm

Tuesday September 23 6pm - 8pm



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## August & September

### Workshops

#### Watercolor

\$30 per workshop pre-registration required

Watercolor (Basics) Tuesday,

August 19 6pm - 8pm

Watercolor (Color Theory) Tuesday, August 26 6pm - 8pm

(Landscapes) Tuesday, September 2

Watercolor

6pm - 8pm Watercolor by

the Lake (plein-air) Tuesday, September 30 6pm - 8pm

#### Framing

\$40 per class

Intro to Framing \*Must pre-register

Fridays August 8, September 12 10am - 2pm

Saturdays August 23, Saturday 27 10am - 2pm



scan for more info

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Paint & Sip

\$35

Must be 21 years or older. BYOB



School Friday, August 8 6pm - 8pm

Back to

Camping Under the Stars Friday, September 12 6pm - 8pm



Cost includes all supplies!

JANUARY – MARCH JANUARY – MARCH

JANUARY - MARCH

#### Modern Calligraphy **Basics** Intermediate

\$20 per class pre-registration required

Wednesday August 27 1:30pm - 3pm

#### Special Projects

Thank You Cards

Wednesday September 10 1:30pm - 3pm

#### Acrylic

\$35 per class

Acrylic Pour Tuesday, August 19 11am - 1pm Wednesday, September 24

11am - 1pm



#### \$20 per class

pre-registration required

Wednesday September 3 1:30pm - 3pm



#### Crafts

\$35 per class

Wooden Growth Chart

Thurs, August 14 6pm - 8pm Wed, August 27 11am - 1pm

Wooden Birthday Calendar Board

Tues, September 16 6pm -8pm Fri, September 26 11am - 1pm



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WRESTLING START SMART BASKETBALL

#### YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS **SPORTS CALENDAR 2025**

ORTS	AGES/GRADES	COST OF 1 <sup>ST</sup> CHILD/ ADDITIONAL CHILD	REGISTRATION PERIOD	SEASON DATES (2025)
	5-14	\$50/\$42.50	BEG. FEBRUARY – BEG. MARCH	APRIL – MAY
	Kinder	\$50/\$42.50	BEG. FEBRUARY - BEG. MARCH	APRIL – MAY
	1st- 2nd	\$50/\$42.50	BEG. FEBRUARY - BEG. MARCH	APRIL – MAY
	3 <sup>RD</sup> -6 <sup>TH</sup>	\$50/\$42.50	BEG. FEBRUARY - BEG. MARCH	APRIL – MAY
	3 <sup>RD</sup> -6 <sup>TH</sup>	\$50/\$42.50	BEG. FEBRUARY - BEG. MARCH	APRIL – MAY
BALL	3-4	\$30/\$25.50	BEG. FEBRUARY - BEG. MARCH	APRIL – MAY

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

SUMMER PROGRAMS & CAMPS/CLINICS	AGES/GRADES	REGISTRATION PERIOD	PROGRAM/CAMP DATES (2025)
GOLF PROGRAM	8-17	APRIL – 1st Day of Practice	JUNE - AUGUST
FITNESS CAMP	5-14	APRIL – 1st Day of Camp	JUNE
CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP	3-14	APRIL – 1st Day of Camp	JUNE, JULY & AUGUST
BASEBALL CAMP	5-14	APRIL – 1st Day of Camp	JULY
BASKETBALL CAMP	5-14	APRIL - 1st Day of Camp	JULY

		ADDITIONAL CHILD	PERIOD	(2025)
SOCCER	5-14	\$50/\$42.50	MID. JULY – BEG. AUGUST	SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
FLAG FOOTBALL	1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>TH</sup>	\$50/\$42.50	MID. JULY – BEG. AUGUST	SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
CHEERLEADING	5-12	\$55/\$47.25	MID. JULY – BEG. AUGUST	SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
RUNNING CLUB	3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>TH</sup>	\$50/\$42.50	MID. JULY – BEG. AUGUST	SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER
START SMART SOCCER	3-4	\$30/\$25.50	MID. JULY – BEG. AUGUST	SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
START SMART FLAG FOOTBALL	3-4	\$30/\$25.50	MID. JULY – BEG. AUGUST	SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
WINTER SPORTS	AGES/GRADES	COST OF 1 <sup>ST</sup> CHILD/	REGISTRATION	SEASON DATES

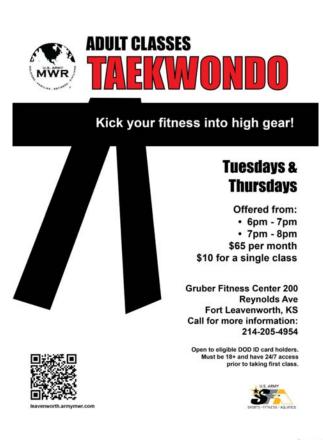
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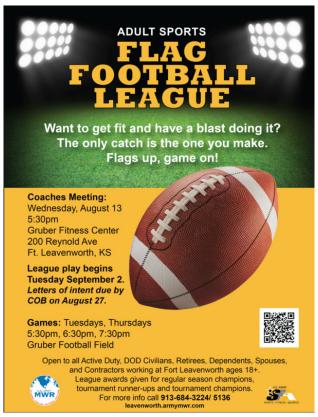
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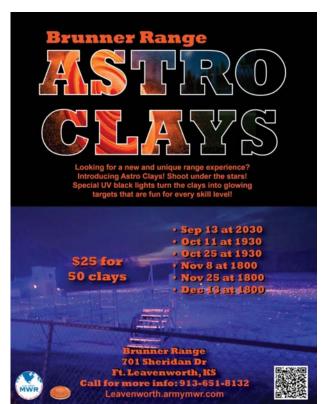




Start Smart Flag Football (Ages 3 - 4) Sept 15 & 17 - Oct 15 & 20 Start Smart Soccer (Ages 3 - 4 ) \$30 ept 16 & 18 - Oct 14 & 16 For more information call 913-684-7525 or 7526







Starting June 2nd, 2025

#### Fort Leavenworth **Group Fitness Classes**

GRUBER FITNESS CENTER-200 Reynolds Ave. - 684-5120

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0530						
0900						Power Yoga (Kim)
0930	Zumba (Virmarie)					
1200						+
1630		Zumba (Virmarie)	Power Cycling (Kim)			
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



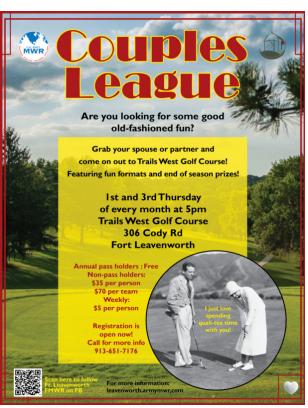
Single Ticket For \$5.00 10 Tickets For \$45.00 20 Tickets For \$80.00

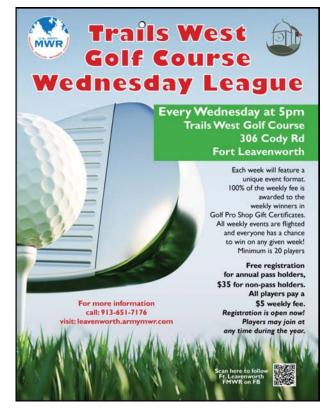


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#### **Gruber Fitness Center** Monday **Tuesday** Wednesday **Thursday Friday** 1940-2040 1940-2040 1940-2040 1 x a week - \$60 2 x a week - \$75 3 x a week - \$85 Drop in \$20 First class is FREE! Must have 24 hour access to gym. Classes are 18+ Register in person **Harney Sports Complex** Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Thursday Friday** Olympic Lifting - \$75 (3 days) \$70 (2 days) \$10 (drop in) Kids Olympic Lifting - \$75 (NO drop in) First class is FREE! Olympic Lifting and Resistance Training is for 18+ **Harney Sports Complex & Gruber Fitness Center Aquatics Center** 200 Reynolds Ave Ft. Leavenworth, KS 185 Fourth St Ft. Leavenworth, KS 913-684-5120 913-684-2190







#### Weekend - Swimming Lessons Bernstein Memorial Indoor Pool

Enrollment opens Wednesday, 13 August at 0800 September 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 Saturdays & Sundays - (8 classes) \$64.00

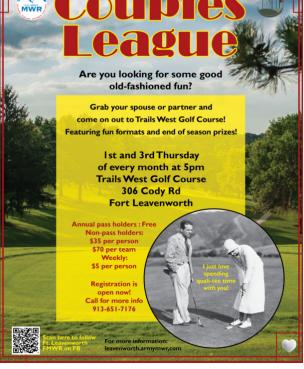


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max 6	0815-0845 Learn to swim level 3	50503-55
max 6	0900-0930 Learn to swim level 2	50503-56
max 5	0945-1015 Learn to swim level 1	50503-57
max 6	1030-1100 Parent Child	50503-58
max 5	1115-1145 Preschool Level 3	50503-59
max 5	1200-1230 Preschool Level 2	50503-60

Parent Child: participants may be 6 months – 3 years and must be accompanied into

 $\textbf{Preschool levels:} \ \mathsf{Participants} \ \mathsf{must} \ \mathsf{be} \ \mathsf{4} \ \mathsf{years} - \mathsf{5} \ \mathsf{years} \ \mathsf{old}.$  $\textbf{Learn-to-swim levels:} \ Participants \ must be 6 \ years \ old \ -17 \ years \ old.$ 

Swimming Lesson Age Requirements: the water by a parent or guardian.



#### **Swimming Lessons** Bernstein Memorial Indoor Pool

Enrollment opens Wednesday, 13 August at 0800 September 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, October 2



max 6	1200-1230 Parent Child	50503-61
max 5	1245-1315 Preschool Level 1	50503-62
max 5	1330-1400 Preschool Level 2	50503-63
max 5	1415-1445 Preschool Level 1	50503-64
	Break	
max 5	1545-1615 Learn to swim level 1	50503-65
max 6	1630-1700 Learn to swim level 2	50503-66
max 5	1715-1745 Preschool Level 2	50503-67

#### Swimming Lesson Age Requirements:

Parent Child: participants may be 6 months - 3 years and must be accompanied into the water by a parent or guardian

Preschool levels: Participants must be 4 years - 5 years old Learn-to-swim levels: Participants must be 6 years old -17 years old. X LTS now has Renaissance Festival Tickets! X

Ticket Prices are \$20 per ticket for adults 13+, and \$14 per ticket for children ages 5-12.

Tickets must be purchased in person and can be used on any day they are open.

RenFest runs Saturdays and Sundays August 30-October 12 from 10AM -

For more info call, (913) 684-2580.





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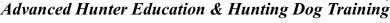






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## Fort Leavenworth's Rod and Gun Club



Saturday, 11 OCT 25 (Inclement weather backup date is 18 OCT 25) 0730-1830 Hrs

Note: Pheasants will be used.

#### Location: Northwest Leavenworth County

A team consists of 1 dog (pointing or flushing), 2 hunters and as many shotgun shells as desired. At least 3 game farm pheasants will be in the field for each team. The focus is on a safe, live fire training experience for the hunters and dogs finding and retrieving harvested pheasants in field conditions. Prizes are awarded to top performing teams; scoring is based on the team's combined firearms handling and hunting skills. The event is open to Club members, active duty and retired military, military dependents, Federal employees, and invited guests. Entry fees are \$75 for Club members and \$85 for non-members. Participation is limited up to 28 paid & registered teams (depending on field and crop conditions). Registration opens 1730 hours 13 AUG and closes 1700 hours 29 SEP. Rules and final location will be provided by email. Rules are reviewed prior to each team's start on site. Initially, a household can enter 1 dog as a primary; additional dogs will be put on the "Stand-by List" with accompanying reimbursable fees and registration(s). If the event is not full by 1700 hours 29 SEP, paid and registered Standbys are drawn (one per household) until all have had a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to fill vacant slots. Remaining unfilled slots will be filled with 3rd dog standby's, etc. Running order is determined by a random, slotted draw o/a 30 SEP with the initial draft released on 1 OCT and feedback due by 6 OCT so the running order can be finalized by 9 OCT 25.

For more information and entry forms contact Kent Ervin, 913-240-9596.



## Volunteer!



They need your help for walks and general care!

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

Several shifts to choose from

Want to know how to join our team?

Register at

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

https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/.

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!







Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility 510 Organ Avenue Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027





## MUNSON NOTES

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- MEDICAL RECORDS at Munson Army Health Center will temporarily relocate to room 1B037, located next door to the Medical Records office, starting Sept. 11 while the records room is closed for repairs. If patients need medical record services during this period, they can visit the temporary location or submit requests via e-mail. For RELEASE OF INFORMA-TION questions, e-mail usarmy.leavenworth.medcom-mahc.list.roi@health.mil. For MEDICAL RECORDS questions eusarmy.leavenworth.medcommahc.list.pad-rr@health.mil. Medical Records office phones will be out of service during this period; however, patients can call 913-684-6229 or the Medical Records supervisor at 913-684- 6810 for assistance.
- The MUNSON ARMY HEALTH
  CENTER PATIENT AND FAMILY
  PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL meets quartlerly 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.medcommahc.mbx.patient-advocate@health.mil
  if interested in participating.
- 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-TRI-WEST (874-9378) and follow the prompts to establish a primary care manager at MAHC. Learn more about services at 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.

# Ultimate Patient Experience token recipients



Photo by Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

Munson Army Health Center Registered Nurse Brenda Brister, from the Department of Public Health, and Optometry Technician Janessa Johnson, from the Optometry Clinic, were recognized Sept. 12 after collecting five tokens each for providing the Ultimate Patient Experience. Staff can be nominated for individual tokens over the course of the year for modeling exemplary leadership, contributions to a safe and healthful workplace, teamwork and specific one-time acts that enhance the patient's experience. Upon receipt of five tokens employees may be eligible for a four-hour time off award.

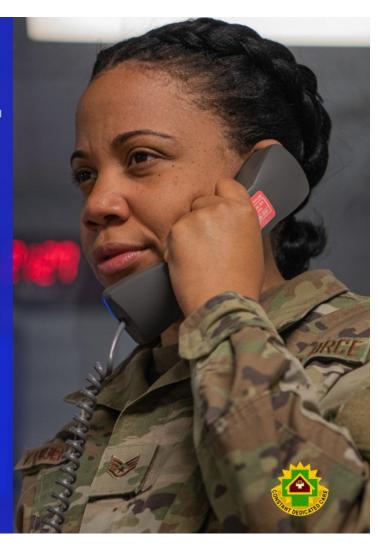
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## **Call Center** 913 684-6250

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- Mental Health
- Medical Records
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- Referrals
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- More



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