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MCTP welcomes new commander



Photo by Capt. Misael Saldivar/Mission Command Training Program Public Affairs

Incoming Mission Command Training Program Commander Col. Sean Lucas, center, holds the MCTP standard during his assumption of command ceremony with host Brig. Gen. Jeremy Wilson, deputy commanding general for Combined Arms Command, and MCTP Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Murphy July 8 outside MCTP Headquarters.

by Lt. Col. David Olson/Mission Command Training Program Public Affairs Officer

A new commander grabbed the controls of Mission Command Training Program July 8. Col. Sean Lucas assumed the reins of MCTP on the lawn of the unit headquarters in front of a host of senior mentors and troops. “We’re excited to integrate Sean Lucas and his family into the Mission Command Training Program, and really excited to see where he takes the program next,” said Combined Arms Command Commanding General Lt. Gen. James P. Isenhower III. “MCTP plays a fundamental role for developing our entire Army, and they are a national treasure, and I know Sean Lucas and his crew will take really good care of not only ... (the) MCTP team, but also the rest of the Army as they continue

to train them to standard and prepare them to fight.” MCTP recently returned from multiple locations where the program facilitated Warfighter Exercise 26-4 in early June. WFX 26-4 featured four training audiences including the 1st Cavalry Division, the 29th Infantry Division, the 35th Infantry Division and the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Lucas served as the chief of staff for the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, from 2024-2025. Prior to that, he commanded the 1st Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, from 2022-2024. He also commanded 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment from 2020-2022 and 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment in 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division from 2017-2019.

New leader at LEA



Photo by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs

Outgoing Law Enforcement Activity Detachment Sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Brian Shipway, right, prepares to pass the unit colors to Combined Arms Command LEA commander Capt. Kenneth Barnard during his change of responsibility ceremony with incoming LEA Detachment Sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Desiree Ngen, left, July 8 at Frontier Chapel.

Harding Fellowship Program applications due Aug. 15

by Jessica H. Brushwood/Army University Press Public Affairs Specialist

The Army is accepting applications for a highly competitive, three-year broadening opportunity aimed at connecting tactical leaders with strategic military communication. Active-duty captains, master sergeants and chief warrant officers 4 interested in the Harding Fellowship Program have until Aug. 15 to apply. “From foundational skills like copy editing and visual creation, to the nuances of strategic communications, the fellows can expect to learn a challenging array of practical knowledge,” said Maj. Rose Horswill, director of the Harding Project. “They will be prepared to serve as military editors-in-chief of their respective branch journals and to directly influence the professional dialogue.”

While civilian staff provide vital continuity, rotating military editors keep the Army’s professional journals aligned with the tactical force. These commissioned and noncommissioned officers bring fresh, operational experience to the publications before returning to their units, ensuring the journals reflect modern realities while spreading institutional knowledge back into the ranks. “As the Army continues to transition its force and warfighting tactics, techniques and procedures, the fellowship has allowed me to digest important feedback from units and soldiers, with the hope that I can effectively convey their messages to other units in a timely manner, further sparking healthy professional discourse and change,” said Capt. Tommy Souimaniphanh, editor-in-chief of the *Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin*.

By working directly for their branch commandant, fellows are positioned to positively impact the trajectory of their respective branch journal and strengthen the Army profession while also benefiting professionally. “The fellowship offered me a unique opportunity to communicate directly with decision makers and soldiers seeking to introduce new ideas for current and future changes in this profession,” Souimaniphanh said. “Not only has this opportunity allowed me to meet people within my branch, but it has also connected me with scholars, veterans and industry leaders who share the same goal of improving the profession.”

About the fellowship

Selected fellows begin with a fully funded year of in-residence graduate study at the University of Kansas’ William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications,

where they will earn a master of science degree. Following graduation, fellows serve a 24-month utilization tour at their respective Center of Excellence as the full-time editor-in-chief of their branch’s professional journal. The program carries forward the legacy of Maj. Gen. Edwin “Forrest” Harding, who revitalized the *Infantry Journal* during the interwar years. Today’s fellows are tasked with ensuring Army publications remain relevant, accessible and grounded in the needs of the force before returning to the field.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree with a preferred 3.0 GPA, have completed their respective level of professional military education and be key-developmental qualified. Applicants cannot be in a promotable status, possess an Army-funded graduate degree or have 17 or more years of active federal service without a waiver.

Participating branches (FY27 cycle)

Participating branches for the fiscal year 2027 cycle include Air Defense, Infantry, Military Intelligence, Cyber, Signal, Adjutant General, Finance, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Transportation, Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations and Special Forces.

Service obligation

The fellowship carries a service obligation. Officers and warrant officers incur an active-duty service obligation of three days for each day spent in the academic program. Non-commissioned officers incur a service remaining requirement in accordance with standard regulations. Applications are due through the Army’s Broadening Opportunities Program by Aug. 15, 2026. Selectees will report to the University of Kansas in May 2027 and assume their editorial roles in the summer of 2028. Applicants must also separately apply to the university’s graduate program by Feb. 1, 2027.

For more information, the application and relevant forms, visit <https://www.lineofdeparture.army.mil/Harding/>. Army Branch Journals have existed since 1888 and are central to professional development and technical discourse across the force. They allow lessons to be shared across the force quickly, enabling a more adaptable Army in a period of rapid change. The Harding Project was created to bring them into the digital age based on data indicating inconsistent investment over time (boom/bust cycles) and evidence digital presence significantly increases readership across the force.

AT A GLANCE

- The Combined Arms Research Library’s **SUMMER READING PROGRAM** for all ages is underway. To register, visit <https://carl.beanstack.org>.
- **HANCOCK OUTDOOR POOL** is open for the season. For more information, visit <https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/view-event/outdoor-pool-info/7282639/89843>.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is Aug. 4-6 from 9 a.m. to noon at Frontier Chapel, with registration starting July 7. To volunteer or for more information, e-mail

- syeeda.j.echols.civ@army.mil or carl.l.tillery.civ@army.mil.
- The **BUFFALO SOLDIER DAY LECTURE** is at 9 a.m. July 24 at the Frontier Conference Center. Motorists might encounter increased traffic congestion by the FCC and Buffalo Soldier Monument.
- The **ARMY CORRECTIONS BRIGADE’S CHANGE OF COMMAND** ceremony between outgoing Commander Col. Douglas Curtis and incoming Commander Col. Andrew Sergeant is at 9 a.m. Aug. 5 at Main Parade.

- The **ARTS AND CRAFTS STUDIO OFFERS CLASSES** and activities for all ages, to include birthday and special event parties. Classes fill up fast, so call 913-684-3373 or drop by at 310 McPherson Ave. to register. See the *Lamp’s* Post Notes section for July class calendars.
- The *Fort Leavenworth Lamp* offers **SUMMER INTERNSHIPS** and welcomes unit and volunteer story and photo contributions. E-mail ftlvlampeditor@gmail.com for more information.

Attorney says Kansans deserve a vote on their Supreme Court

by Chris McGowne/Private Practice Attorney in Hays, Kansas

Kansans elected their Supreme Court justices for nearly a century, from statehood in 1861 until 1958.

On Aug. 4, voters will decide whether to restore that right.

The question on the primary ballot is straightforward. A yes vote gives Kansas citizens the right to elect the seven justices of the Kansas Supreme Court in staggered elections, with six-year terms unchanged. A no vote keeps the current system, in which a nine-member nominating commission screens applicants behind closed doors and sends three names to the governor.

Here is how that commission is built. Five of its nine members are lawyers, selected only by other lawyers who are members of the Kansas bar. The remaining four are appointed by the governor.

No other state in the country selects its highest court this way. Kansas stands alone in giving one profession a permanent majority over who can even be considered for the Supreme Court. The people of Kansas never see the commission's deliberations, never vote on its members and never get a say in who reaches the governor's desk. The only voice voters have is a retention election, an up-or-down vote in which a sitting justice faces no opponent. Since the system was adopted in 1958, no Kansas Supreme Court justice has ever lost one.

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PRIMARY ELECTION

JUNE 1

12:00 p.m. deadline to file as a candidate. Deadline for Kansans to change party affiliation.

JUNE 20

Deadline to transmit UOCAVA ballots.

JULY 14

Deadline to register to vote or update your voter registration to change address or name only to participate in the 2026 primary election.

JULY 15

First day of advance voting. Advance ballots by mail are transmitted. In-person advance voting may begin. Check with your county election office for specific times and locations.

JULY 28

Advance in-person voting must begin for all counties.

AUG 4

PRIMARY ELECTION
(All mail ballots must be received on Election Day. **NEW IN 2026**)

SEPT 1

Last day for State Board of Canvassers to certify official results.

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Supporters of the status quo argue the commission keeps politics out of the courts. The record does not support that claim. The commission's votes are secret. Its

lawyer majority answers to no voter.

Politics has not been removed from the process; it has simply been moved out of public view,

where roughly 12,000 bar members hold more influence over the state's highest court than 2 million registered voters.

The amendment returns that influence to where the Kansas Constitution places all political power: the people. Justices would be elected statewide, on staggered ballots beginning in 2028, so no single election decides the entire court. Candidates would campaign in public, answer questions in public and be subject to the same disclosure rules as every other candidate for statewide office. Voters could weigh qualifications, records and judicial philosophy for themselves.

This is not an experiment. Twenty-one states already elect their supreme court justices, and Kansas did so for its first hundred years. The 1958 change followed a political scandal involving a governor who resigned to secure his own appointment to the bench. The answer to one governor's abuse was to remove the voters from the process entirely. Sixty-eight years later, Kansans can correct that overreaction.

The Legislature has already spoken. Senate Concurrent Resolution 1611 passed the Senate 27-13 and the House 84-40, clearing the two-thirds threshold required to place a constitutional amendment before voters. Polling shows why: 74 percent of Kansans support electing Supreme Court justices, while 20 percent prefer the current attorney-controlled system. Support for a public voice in

judicial selection crosses party lines, regions and generations.

Opponents warn that elections would bring money and campaigning into judicial selection. Money and influence are already present in the current system; they are simply concentrated in a small, unelected group and exercised without disclosure. Elections replace private influence with public accountability. Campaign finance rules, disclosure requirements and the judgment of voters apply to elected justices. None of those safeguards applies to the commission today.

The Kansas Supreme Court decides cases that touch every family in the state: taxes, schools, property, public safety and the meaning of the state constitution itself. A body with that much power should answer to the people it governs. Every legislator, every statewide official and every county officer in Kansas stands before the voters. The justices of the Supreme Court should as well.

The vote is Aug. 4. Kansans who believe the court belongs to the people of Kansas, and to no profession or commission, should vote yes on the judicial reform amendment.

Chris McGowne is a private practice attorney from Hays, Kansas, who is also general counsel of the Kansas Republican Party and chair of the Big First Republican Party.

Former state representative says court that interprets Kansas gun rights should answer to Kansans

by Travis Couture-Lovelady/Kansas State Rifle Association President

In 2010, Kansans amended the state Bill of Rights to guarantee that every person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state. The measure passed with 89 percent of the vote, more than 710,000 Kansans, the largest margin any gun rights amendment has ever received in any state. The Kansas State Rifle Association helped push that amendment from the Legislature to the ballot, and Kansans made their position unmistakable with their vote.

Words in a constitution, however, mean only what the courts say they mean. In Kansas, the final word on Section 4 belongs to the seven justices of the Kansas Supreme Court. And under the current system, gun owners have no meaningful say in who those justices are.

Here is how the process works today. When a vacancy opens, a nine-member nominating commission interviews applicants and sends three names to the gover-

nor. Five of those nine commissioners are lawyers, chosen only by other members of the Kansas bar. Kansas is the only state in the nation that gives its bar association a built-in majority over Supreme Court selection. The 89 percent of Kansans who voted to protect the right to keep and bear arms get no vote on the commission, no vote on the nominees and no vote on the appointment. Their only option is a retention election in which the justice faces no opponent. No Kansas justice has ever lost one.

On Aug. 4, voters can change that. The constitutional amendment on the primary ballot would let Kansans elect their Supreme Court justices directly, in staggered elections beginning in 2028, with six-year terms unchanged. The lawyer-controlled commission would be abolished. Candidates for the court would

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campaign in the open, state their judicial philosophy in the open, and answer to the same voters who wrote the right to bear arms into the constitution in the first place.

The stakes for gun owners are not hypothetical. Across the country, state supreme courts have narrowed or upheld arms provisions based on how individual justices read a few sentences of text. The scope of constitutional carry, the reach of firearms preemption, the lawful purposes protected by Section 4 — each of these questions can land before the Kansas Supreme Court. I served in the Legislature when Kansas passed constitutional carry in 2015. Every protection we wrote into statute and into the constitution ultimately rests with the seven people who interpret it. Kansans should choose those seven people.

Opponents of the amendment argue that elections would politicize the court. The current system is already political; the politics simply happen in private. A commission whose majority is selected by roughly 12,000 bar members exercises

more influence over the court than 2 million registered voters. Moving that influence into public elections adds disclosure rules, open campaigning and accountability that the commission system lacks entirely. Twenty-one states already elect their supreme court justices. Kansas itself did so for nearly a century before 1958.

The Legislature placed this question on the ballot with a two-thirds majority in both chambers, 27-13 in the Senate and 84-40 in the House. Polling shows 74 percent of Kansans favor electing their justices, a number that echoes the 2010 gun rights vote: when Kansans are asked whether they trust themselves or a closed process, they choose themselves.

Kansans did not ask a commission for permission to protect their right to keep and bear arms. They voted for it. The people who interpret that right should be chosen the same way. The Kansas State Rifle Association urges a yes vote on the judicial reform amendment on Aug. 4.

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MAHC soldiers use summer heat to build readiness during Army Warrior Task training

by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer

While much of the Midwest experiences summer heat and humidity, soldiers assigned to Munson Army Health Center's Medical Company turned the challenging conditions into a training opportunity July 8 during Army Warrior Task training.

Rather than allowing the heat to disrupt training, leaders incorporated the environment into the day's objectives, giving soldiers the opportunity to sharpen mission-critical skills while practicing the same heat injury prevention principles and adjusting to changing environmental conditions.

Throughout the day, soldiers rotated through hands-on training lanes while NCOs continuously evaluated performance and monitored environmental conditions. As temperatures and humidity increased, cadre adjusted work-rest cycles, incorporated additional cooling measures, and reinforced the importance of hydration and environmental awareness to safely maintain training momentum.

"We are monitoring the heat category hourly and have stations with ice sheets, ice chests where soldiers can cool down," said event coordinator Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Bates, a biomedical equipment specialist

Army Warrior Tasks are foundational, mission-critical skills all soldiers must master regardless of their military occupational specialty. Organized into five core categories — shoot, move, communicate, survive, and adapt — they prepare soldiers to operate effectively in any environment.

While the July 8 training focused on tactical tasks such as

responding to unexploded ordnance, care under fire and land navigation, the hot weather provided a valuable opportunity to sharpen the "adapt" competency by applying heat injury prevention principles and adjusting to changing environmental conditions.

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Photo by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

Pfc. Levi Sadek, Pfc. Elijer Wandasan and Pvt. Edward Antoine, assigned to Munson Army Health Center's Medical Company, take a break to drink water and rest in the shade July 8 during Army Warrior Task training. In addition to evaluating performance on each Army Warrior Task, cadre continuously observed soldiers for signs of heat stress and adapted training to include water and shade based on changing conditions.

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Army Warrior Task training (continued from Page A3)



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Staff Sgt. Francisco Martinez builds muscle memory as he practices placing a tourniquet on a training mannequin July 8 during an Army Warrior Task lane.

assigned to MAHC's Medical Maintenance Section. "We're training in the shade when possible, and we have water stations for hydration."

In addition to evaluating performance on each Army Warrior Task, cadre continuously observed soldiers for signs of heat stress and adapted training based on changing conditions.

"You could have to operate in hot environments, so they are practicing heat injury prevention and adjusting to training in harsher environments," Bates said. "We want soldiers to know how to recognize the signs of heat illness, take care of themselves and their teammates, and still accomplish the mission."

The deliberate approach allowed soldiers to complete every scheduled training lane while reinforcing the Army's heat injury prevention principles. By combining realistic training with proactive risk mitigation, the Medical Company successfully accomplished its training objectives without any heat-related injuries.

For MAHC's Medical Company, the day demonstrated that Army Warrior Tasks extend beyond technical proficiency. Soldiers practiced moving, surviving and providing care in realistic field conditions while also honing one of the Army's most important competencies — adapt. By recognizing environmental hazards, adjusting tactics and looking after one another, they proved that readiness means being prepared to accomplish the mission regardless of the conditions.

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Community celebrates nation's 250th anniversary



Fireworks explode over Merritt Lake during the Fort Leavenworth Independence Day celebration July 4.

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ABOVE: The Kansas state flag is waved during the Salute to the Union ceremony July 4 by Merritt Lake.



LEFT: Soldiers assigned to the Midwest Regional Correctional Facility Battalion (Corrections) fire cannons for the Salute to the Union ceremony July 4 by Merritt Lake.

Photos by Spc. Wilfred Salters Jr./ Combined Arms Command Public Affairs



Photo by Spc. Wilfred Salters Jr./Combined Arms Command Public Affairs

The crowd watches fireworks explode during the Fourth of July event at Merritt Lake.



Photos by Spc. Wilfred Salters Jr./Combined Arms Command Public Affairs

ABOVE: Matthew Moya pours a drink for his daughter Alaina during the Independence Day festivities July 4 by Merritt Lake.

LEFT: David Toliver throws a flying disc to Michael Barton during the Fourth of July festivities by Merritt Lake.

Army modifies body composition program, adopts waist-to-height ratio

by Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Army has replaced the long-standing height and weight tables, circumference-based tape test and supplemental body fat assessments with the waist-to-height ratio (WHtR) health assessment tool.

This immediate change is part of a broader effort to accurately assess soldier health, increase force readiness and continue to align the Army Body Composition Program with medically validated practices.

"This is about lethality and health," said Sgt. Maj. Edgar Monsanto, deputy chief of staff, G-1, Directorate of Prevention, Resilience, Readiness. "We are adopting new metrics to ensure our soldiers are healthy and physically fit to fight and win."

Under the new policy, all soldiers will undergo a WHtR assessment twice per calendar year. A waist-to-height ratio of less than 0.55 is the new benchmark for compliance. The implementation of this assessment measures a soldier's waistline at the navel (belly button) and divides that measurement by his/her height in inches, which produces the ratio for record. The Army will conduct a 180-day assessment of the new WHtR to validate accuracy and determine if adjustments are needed.

Soldiers whose WHtR is 0.55 or greater will receive a confirmation test by another team on the same duty day to verify accuracy. If a soldier fails the WHtR assessment, placement in the Army Body Composition program will follow to begin the process for compliance.

"Our human resource continuous transformation initiative requires that we modernize how we improve readiness and our warfighting lethality," Monsanto said. "By incorporating the waist-to-height ratio, we are becoming more adaptive and agile, ensuring our soldiers are healthy and physically fit to fight and win."

The Army will continue to use a formal flagging action for soldiers whose waist-to-height ratio is 0.55 or higher. Under the updated policy, these soldiers are flagged and enrolled in the Army Body Composition Program until they meet the standard. No separation actions for failing WHtR will occur during the Army's initial 180 day assessment period.

To ensure standards of professionalism remain consistent across the Army, commanders at any time can direct a soldier to undergo a WHtR assessment if they are concerned that the soldier does not meet the WHtR standard.

INTRODUCTION OF ARMY BODY COMPOSITION PROGRAM

WAIST-TO-HEIGHT RATIO HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL

1. ASSESSMENT

PROCESS: Conduct the Waist-To-Height Ratio (WHtR) assessment.

DECISION: Is WHtR less than and not equal to 0.55?

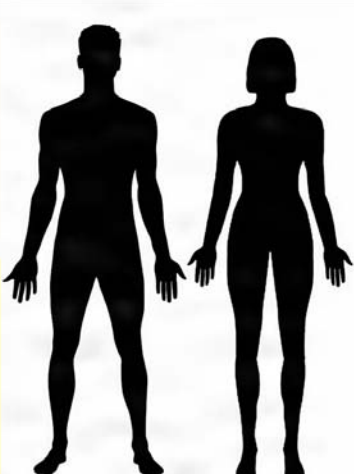
- **YES — Meets Standard**
 - Record on DA 5500 and in ATIS.
 - No further action.
- **NO — Does Not Meet Standard → Go to Step 2.**

2. CONFIRMATION ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

PROCESS: A different measurement team conducts a second WHtR on the same duty day.

DECISION: Does the Soldier meet the standard on the second measurement?

- **YES — Meets Standard**
 - Record on DA 5500 and in ATIS.
- **NO — Does Not Meet Standard → Go to Step 3.**





3. ABCP ACTIONS

3A. ENROLLMENT & REQUIREMENTS

PROCESS: Soldier is enrolled in ABCP and flagged.

- Enrollment date is based on WHtR failure.
- Soldier stays enrolled until they meet the WHtR standard.

3B. ONGOING STATUS

DECISION: Does the Soldier now meet the WHtR standard?

- **YES — Meets Standard**
 - Commander removes flag and disenrolls Soldier from ABCP.
- **NO — Does Not Meet Standard**
 - Soldier will remain in ABCP until separation timelines apply.

Army updates Chaplain Corps uniforms

by Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Army released implementation guidance for the Army Chaplains Corps uniform and maternity tunic emphasizing their role as religious leaders and pastoral care providers across the force.

As outlined by Department of War announcement in March 2026, chaplains serving in the regular Army, Army National Guard and U.S. Army Re-

serve will remove rank insignia from the Army Combat Uniform. The chaplain insignia will now be located on the collars of the Army Combat Uniform, the patrol cap and beret. This change will occur no later than 90 days from the date of the Army Directive. Chaplain candidates will continue to wear rank and the chaplain branch insignia on all uniforms in accordance with current regulations.

The Extended Cold Weather Clothing System

Generation III (ECWCS Gen III) and Improved Outer Tactical Vest (IOTV) rank insignia is also replaced with the chaplain insignia. Chaplains will discontinue wearing rank insignia on the Extended Cold Weather Clothing System no later than 180 days from the date of this directive. There is no change to the chaplains Army Service Uniform, Army Green Service Uniform, the Army Blue and White Mess uniforms, or their associated service caps pursuant to AR 670–1.

While rank will no longer be worn by chaplains in the ACU, established customs and courtesies for commissioned officers will remain in effect according to AR 600-25 (Salutes, Honors, and Courtesies).

Officer-to-chaplain interactions

“When in doubt, salute”

When officer rank is visually indistinguishable (such as chaplains in ACUs), mutual courtesy governs both officers should exchange a salute

and verbal greeting. If a junior officer recognizes a senior, the junior initiates the salute. When in doubt, initiating a salute out of professional courtesy always satisfies military customs, and no officer will be faulted for rendering one.

Enlisted-to-chaplain interactions

“Always salute”

This dynamic remains functionally unchanged. Because all military chaplains are commissioned officers, enlisted personnel and NCOs will use the

chaplain insignia itself as the visual cue to initiate a salute, regardless of the chaplain's specific grade.

The Army remains committed to strengthening the pastoral readiness of the force. These changes reinforce the chaplain's identity as a trusted pastoral advisor and ensure soldiers of all ranks and their families feel comfortable seeking religious support.

Army establishes Space Operations Branch to enable multi-domain dominance

by Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army recently announced the establishment of its newest branch, the Space Operations Branch, marking an historic milestone in the service's continuous transformation to meet the challenges of modern, multi-domain warfare.

The Space Operations Branch consolidates and formalizes the career paths of the Army's space professionals. The new branch brings together Army Space Operations Officers, currently designated as Functional Area 40, and enlisted Tactical Space Operations Specialists, designated under the recently established Military Occupational Specialty 40D.

“Land power requires warfighting expertise in all domains. What makes me proud is that our Army is not just building a capability, we’re growing professionals at every echelon,” said Gen. Christopher LaNeve, U.S. Army vice chief of staff. “That’s what the 40D MOS is about—soldiers delivering the foundational excellence our joint force depends on.”

Space Operations Branch serves as a critical component in the utilization of space capabilities and supports the ongoing transformation of Army force structure for multi-domain operations.

Combat credibility demands resilient space systems and dedi-



cated counterspace capabilities to protect U.S. assets and deny adversaries the ability to target joint forces from outside the Earth's atmosphere. Army space professionals ensure U.S. forces maintain the initiative and operate from positions of relative advantage across all domains.

The new Space Operations Branch provides highly trained, ready and deployable soldiers and formations, equipped to deliver specialized capabilities to enable successful Army and joint force operations while effectively denying, disrupting and degrading adversary operations within the

space domain.

"The Army is the largest user of space capabilities in the joint force, and space integration is absolutely critical to multi-domain operations at every echelon," said Lt. Gen. John Rafferty, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. "Establishing the Space Operations Branch is an important step in the Army's continuous transformation. It provides the Army with the professional structure to deliver space-based effects directly to our soldiers and units at the tactical edge enabling commanders to fight and win in a contested,

multi-domain environment."

Establishing the new branch also relieves operational pressure, primarily on the Air Defense Artillery, Signal, and Military Intelligence branches, which previously provided enlisted personnel to execute space missions on temporary tours. The transition allows these branches to decrease non-mission-essential billets and redistribute soldiers to critical vacancies, optimizing readiness across the wider Army.

The Army currently integrates hundreds of thousands of space-enabled systems to enhance maneuver and enable multi-domain

operations. This structural transformation ensures the service keeps pace with the growing space operations force structure required across the joint force, particularly within its modern multi-domain task forces and theater strike effects groups. The Space Operations Branch will produce well-rounded experts to deliver close space support and space interdiction capabilities that maneuver commanders depend on to gain and maintain the initiative.

The transition to the new branch will leverage existing training pipelines. Officer and enlisted training will continue to be conducted at the Space and Missile Defense School, part of Army Space and Missile Defense Command's Center of Excellence in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Eligible soldiers in grades E-3 through E-9 have the opportunity to request reclassification to MOS 40D through a central selection board process, with the transfer window officially opening in October 2026. Officers may continue to request acceptance to become FA40s, including Assured Functional Area Transfer, after serving in their basic branch.

Adoptable Pet of the Week: Layla



Photo by Lauren Lawson/Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility

Layla is a 4-year-old female German shepherd available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. She has already been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. The fee to adopt a dog is \$155. E-mail fortleavenworthstrayfacility@gmail.com for an adoption application or submit an adoption application online at <https://new.shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/FLSF/> Dog. Military affiliation is not required to adopt from FLSF. The Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, at 510 Organ Ave., is open noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and by appointment. Call 913-335-0788 for an appointment or more information. Visit <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/ks/fort-leavenworth/fort-leavenworth-stray-facility-ks174/> for adoptable pet profiles. 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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weather.gov/heat

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The temperature in your car can quickly become deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°



Time Elapsed:
10 Minutes



Time Elapsed:
20 Minutes



Time Elapsed:
30 Minutes



Time Elapsed:
60 Minutes

PETS
SAFETY TIPS

Hot Weather Rules For Pets



KEEP YOUR PET
HYDRATED



DON'T LEAVE YOUR
PET IN THE CAR



KEEP PAWS AWAY
FROM HOT PAVEMENT



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THURSDAY
JULY 16, 2026



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BUFFALO SOLDIER DAY LECTURE
Exploring Their Legacy, Contributions, and Spirit
Est. 1866

Guest Speaker
Dr. Bernard F. Harris Jr.

Open to:
Military
Civilians
Families

Dress Code:
Military: Duty Uniform
Civilians: Casual

Hosted by: Combined Arms Command
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Date: Friday, July 24, 2026
Time: 0900 hours
Location:
Frontier Conference Center
350 Biddle Blvd
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Join us for an enlightening lecture honoring the legacy and contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers!
A Community Event. All ages welcome.

Outdoor Pool Opens May 22nd!
Join us during our special opening day after school hours! 3 pm - 7 pm

Make it a summer to remember at Fort Leavenworth's Pools!

Please check the Fort Leavenworth MWR FB page or call the aquatics center at 913-684-2190 for weather updates and pool closures before you go!

Fort Leavenworth 2026 Pool Season

Hancock Pool
Open 7 days a week / when school is not in session
10 am - 7 pm Family Swim
Open on Training Days and Holidays

Bernstein Memorial Pool
Indoor
5 am - 6 pm Adult Lap Swim / M - F
8 am - 1 pm Adult Lap Swim / Sat & Sun
Closed on Training Days and Holidays

Outdoor Pool Passes
Passes must be purchased at Harney
\$5 daily admission (cash only at the door)
\$120 Family Season Pass for 4 (\$20 each additional member)
\$60 for half pass May 22 - July 8 or July 1 - Sept 7
\$40 for Individual Season pass

scan here for more info!

ATTENTION!

National Hire a Veteran Day

HIRING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 24
1100-1300
Job Hiring Event
Ft Leavenworth Main Store Mall

Summer 2026 Youth Sponsorship
TEEN MEET & GREETs

New home? New friends?
New awesome memories!
5pm - 7pm @ HYC

12 June: Games, snacks, and music
17 June: Music, snacks, and games
30 June: Water balloon games, snacks, and a movie
10 July: Bowling and pizza
22 July: Games, snacks, and music
31 July: 4pm - 7pm
Dashboard Tour, Tour of Ft. Leavenworth, DJ, BBQ, games

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

FREE! Open to 6th - 12 graders who are eligible to attend the Youth Center.
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SCHOOL OF ADVANCED MILITARY STUDIES

Application Window:
15 June - 18 August

Exam Dates:
30 July (International Students)
06 August (Joint Officer)
12, 15, 18, 22 August

Interview Window:
10-28 August

Selection Board:
02-08 September

Selection Results:
by 30 October

HOW TO APPLY

- APPLY: Scan and upload requested documents.
- TEST: Schedule your exam once all documents are uploaded.
- INTERVIEW: Interviews are offered to those with the highest exam scores.

Email Address: jeremy.j.cole8.civ@army.mil

Website: <https://www.army.edu/CGSC/SAMS/>

QR Code goes live on 15 June

FORT LEAVENWORTH

Career & Education Fair
4 August, 10 am to 2 pm
Frontier Conference Center

Open to Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Retirees, Veterans, Family Members, Contractors, & DOD Civilians

Government, Law Enforcement, Contracting, Manufacturing, Sales, Logistics, Retail, Service, Technical, Educational, and Many Other Opportunities Available

Discover Your Next Opportunity

For information call the Transition Assistance Program at 913-684-2227 or email usarmy.TAP.leavenworth@army.mil

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

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring The Nature of God

Join us for VBS 2026!

4-6 August
0900 - 1200
Frontier Chapel

Registration begins 7 July

If you would like to volunteer, please contact
Syeeda Echols, syeeda.j.echols.civ@army.mil or
Carl Tillery, carl.l.tillery.civ@army.mil

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Apply by August 15th

FORT LEAVENWORTH Catholic Women of the Chapel

POPSICLES at the Playground!

JOIN US FOR A SWEET TIME OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FROZEN TREATS!

Date	Location	Phone
18 JUNE, 2026	FHCC Playground	0930-1100
2 JULY, 2026	FHCC Playground	0930-1100
23 JULY, 2026	EFMP Playground	0930-1100
6 AUGUST, 2026	EFMP Playground	0930-1100

All are welcome! ❤️ Bring a friend! 🍭 Let's make summer sweet!

PWOC SUMMER EVENTS!

POPSICLES AT THE EMFP PARK
June 23 & 30
July 7 & 14
August 4 & 11
9:30-11:00am

Kicking off the week of May 25th in different neighborhoods on different days. Sign up on Facebook!

SUMMER SESSIONS AT THE CHAPEL
July 21 & 28
9-11am
Child care provided

Join us for Fall Kick-off!
August 25th, 8:45-11am
Frontier Chapel

PWOC KICK-OFF!!!



FORT LEAVENWORTH HUNT *Summer Rides*

Save the dates

June 3, 17th
July 1, 15th, 29th
August 12th, 26th

☺ confidence ride

Wainwright
Riding Complex
265 McPherson Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Rides start at 5pm
with a potluck to
follow. Bring a
dish to share!

Check Facebook and GroupMe
for weather updates.

For more information:
info@fthleavenworthhunt.org
913-684-1703

Important information: Riders must sign a Hold Harmless agreement before the ride. Riders must wear boots with a heel and an ASTM helmet. Minors must be able to ride their own horse and be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the ride. This is a FREE event and open to anyone with Post access. Must be at least an "experienced beginner". If a rider is in need of a horse, there are limited mounts available. Please reach out ahead of time to the Fort Leavenworth Hunt.





Fall Youth Sports & Fitness

Confidence begins here! Ready to meet your Team?

Flag Football (1st - 2nd grades) (Ages 7 - 8) Tuesday/ Thursday Sept 15 - Oct 29 (3rd - 4th grades) (Ages 9 - 10) Monday/ Wednesday Sept 14 - Oct 28 (5th - 6th grades) (Ages 11 - 12) Monday/ Wednesday Sept 14 - Oct 28  \$50	Soccer 6 & Under (Ages 5 - 6) 8 & Under (Ages 7 - 8) 10 & Under (Ages 9 - 10) Sept 14 & 15 - Oct 28 & 29 5th - 6th grade TBA  \$50	Cheerleading (Ages 5 - 12) Monday/ Wednesday Sept 14 - Oct 28 Participants will cheer for all 3rd/4th & 5th/6th grade Teams. *Pom-poms, shirt, and skort are included in the cost.  *\$55	Fall Running Club (3rd - 8th grades) (Ages 8 - 14) Tuesday/ Thursday Sept 15 - Oct 24 Season ends with the Halloween 5K.  \$50
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Start Smart Flag Football (Ages 3 - 4)

\$30

Sept 21 - Oct 26 (Monday)

Start Smart Soccer (Ages 3 - 4)

\$30

Sept 22 - Oct 20 (Tuesday)

Sept 24 - Oct 22 (Thursday)

Registration and enrollment will begin
July 6 and close Aug 10.

All youth must have an updated sports physical before first practice. Enrollment can be done at all CVS locations if centrally registered.

Webratc online enrollments can only be done with a Youth Sports Physical that covers the entire season.

Volunteer Coaches are needed!

For more information call 913-684-7525 or 7526

TEAM,

ON THURSDAY,

JULY 30

1100-1300

there is an opportunity for Fort Leavenworth Soldiers, and families to receive shelf, stable food, hygiene, personal care items, water, backpacks, and school supplies.

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DRIVE-THROUGH
EVENT

Recipients must arrive at the designated time and location and present the voucher.

Families should be prepared to receive up to **70 pounds** of food and other items listed.

ONLY 100 VOUCHER AVAILABLE

VOUCHERS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE
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THE FRONTIER ARMY MUSEUM

MILITARY LIVING HISTORY DAY

**September 12th , 2026
Saturday
9 am – 4 pm**

Open to the Public / Free to Attend!

Location: The Frontier Army Museum
100 Reynolds Ave, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

**Military reenactors from various periods,
historic military vehicles, and a great Army
museum!**

Reenactor Contact / General Questions: Jonathon Krisko 610-349-2750
jonathon.krisko@gmail.com
Frontier Army Museum: (913) 684-3191

Coordination in advance for reenactors is necessary due to installation security policies

2026-2027 School Calendar

July 2026 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

August 2026 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

September 2026 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

October 2026 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

November 2026 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

December 2026 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

July 2026 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

August 2026 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

School Hours and Early Dismissal/Release Times table.

January 2027 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

February 2027 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

March 2027 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

April 2027 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

May 2027 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

Progress Reports and Grade Cards table.

Fort Leavenworth School District USD 207
Elementary School Supply List
(Bradley, Eisenhower, MacArthur)
2026-2027

Table with 3 columns: Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade. Lists various school supplies.

*One of these items is for Art Class

PLEASE LABEL ALL MATERIALS SENT TO SCHOOL. SOME SUPPLIES MAY NEED TO BE REPLENISHED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Fort Leavenworth School District USD 207
Patton Junior High School Supply List
2026-2027

Table with 2 columns: 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade, 9th Grade. Lists various school supplies.

PLEASE NOTE - STUDENTS MAY NEED TO REPLENISH/REPLACE CERTAIN ITEMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Fort Leavenworth School Assignments by Street for the 2026-2027 SY

Table with 2 columns: Street Name, Assignment. Rows include Ottawa Village, Old Pawnee Village, Santa Fe Village, Shawnee Village, New Pawnee Village, Bus Transportation for Eisenhower and MacArthur, All Bradley Students are Walkers.

Students residing in Infantry Barracks (B) and Wint Village (B) are zoned for Eisenhower Elementary.

Table with 2 columns: Street Name, Assignment. Rows include Main Post, Nez Perce, Osage Village, South Osage Village, Normandy Village, Iowa Village, Ottawa Village (East), Santa Fe Village (East).

Table with 2 columns: Street Name, Assignment. Rows include Kansa Village, Pottawatomie Village, Old Oregon Village, Kickapoo Village, Cheyenne Village, East Cheyenne Village, Lower Kansa Village, New Oregon Village.

Patton Junior High - Bus or Walking by Street for the 2026-2027 SY

Table with 2 columns: Street Name, Assignment. Rows include Ottawa Village, Main Post, Kansa Village, Pottawatomie Village, Old Oregon Village, Kickapoo Village, Cheyenne Village, East Cheyenne Village, New Oregon.

FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS AGES 1-18. Includes logos for USDA, SunMeals, and Kansas State Department of Education.

FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS. JUNE 1 - JULY 24. Includes locations (David Brewer Elementary, Henry Leavenworth Elementary, Anthony Elementary, Leavenworth High School) and hours (Breakfast 8:00-9:30 A.M., Lunch 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.).

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. To qualify, seniors must be at least 60 years of age. Includes a table for Household Size, Monthly Income, and Weekly Income.

ARMY MWR LIBRARY 2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM. Includes a logo for the program and a list of participating libraries.



U.S. ARMY

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



Pioneer Chapel
500 Pope Avenue



Frontier Chapel
625 Thomas Avenue



Memorial Chapel
626 Scott Avenue

PROTESTANT

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

MULTI-CULTURAL GOSPEL

- Sunday Worship – 1000

CATHOLIC MASS

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

CATHOLIC MASS

- Sunday – 0930
- Sunday Religious ED - 0810

PROTESTANT

- Sunday School – 0945
- Contemporary Worship – 1100 (Children’s Church – K-5th grade)

LITURGICAL

- Sunday Worship – 0930

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Christopher.w.weinrich.mil@army.mil or call 913-684-2210

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2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

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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>

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Samantha Odle
(605) 569-3820 / sodle@yfc.net



Students 16 and older

These Volunteer Opportunities are for you!

Be a part of assisting our Military Families

- Share your interests and skills
- Choose what schedule works for you
- Get volunteer credit!

Contact Charise at 520-692-6363
charise.m.risper.civ@army.mil

For more info scan the QR code!





Military Spouses, Family Members Help Us Help Our Families!

Be the friendly face behind the smile!

- Share your experience and skills
- Choose your hours
- Greet new Families
- Provide resources and assistance
- Answer questions
- Be a part of our Volunteer Team!

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MILITARY FAMILY FEE WAIVER

Scouting America is committed to expanding access to Scouting for military-connected youth.

OVERVIEW

Scouting America is waiving the **\$85 national youth registration fee** for eligible military families through a verification and code process during online registration.

- Youth members only
- New and renewing online registrations
- Funded nationally through philanthropic efforts

ELIGIBILITY

Youth in families with current service in:

- Active Duty
- Reserve
- National Guard

FEE COVERAGE

- \$85 National Registration Fee – Waived**
- Reduced to \$0 after verification and code application.
- Applies only to the national fee.

HOW IT WORKS

- National fee reduced to \$0
- Select “**Get Military Discount Code**”
- Complete verification process
- Receive code
- Enter code at checkout
- National fee reduced to \$0**

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Local council, unit, optional add-on (e.g., Scout Life magazine), and processing fees may still apply.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO QUALIFIES?
Eligible youth in Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard families.

WHY DOES THE \$85 FEE APPEAR?
The national fee appears at checkout and is removed after the verification code is applied.

WHAT FEES DOES THE WAIVER COVER?
The waiver applies only to the national youth registration fee. Other local, unit, optional, and processing fees may still apply.

IS THIS AVAILABLE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS?
No—this waiver is available for online registrations only.



Effective June 1, 2026



Veterans, Military Retirees

We Need You! Volunteer Today!

- Share your experience and skills
- Choose your hours
- Make an impact on new families
- Greet new Soldiers
- Provide resources and a friendly face
- Assist with classes and training

Contact Charise at 520-692-6363
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June - July Workshops

Watercolor

\$30 per workshop

Watercolor (Basic Techniques)
Tuesday, July 7
9:30am - 11:30am

Watercolor (Color Theory)
Tuesday, July 14
9:30am - 11:30am

Watercolor (Landscapes Part 1)
Tuesday, July 21
9:30am - 11:30am

Watercolor (Landscapes Part 2)
Tuesday, July 28
9:30am - 11:30am

Calligraphy

\$20 per workshop

Modern Calligraphy (Basic Techniques)
Friday, July 17
10am - 11:30am

Modern Calligraphy (Intermediate)
Friday, July 24
10am - 11:30am

Modern Calligraphy (Birthday Cards)
Friday, July 31
10am - 11:30am

Pre-registration required for all classes. Cost includes all supplies!

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



Ft. Leavenworth Arts & Crafts Studio

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

Surf's Up
Friday June 5
6pm - 8pm

Jellyfish
Friday July 10
6pm - 8pm

Pottery Studio

Wheel Throwing (Basics) \$45 per class
Part 2 Tues, June 2
6pm - 8:30pm

Part 1 Tues, June 16
11am - 1:30pm
Part 2 Tues, June 23
11am - 1:30pm

Part 1 Fri, June 26
9am - 11:30am
Part 2 Fri, July 10
9am - 11:30am

Part 1 Sat, June 27
10am - 12:30pm
Part 2 Sat, July 25
10am - 12:30pm

Wheel Throwing (Berry Bowls) \$45
Tues, July 28
6pm - 8:30pm

Hand Building (Mugs) \$35
Tues, June 9
9am - 11am
Thurs, June 18
2pm - 4pm
Thurs, July 16
1pm - 3pm

Hand Building (Charcuterie Board)
Fri, June 5
9am - 11am
Thurs, June 25
2pm - 4pm
Thurs, July 9
10am - 12pm
Tues, July 21
1pm - 3pm

Wheel Throwing (Mugs) \$45
Tues, June 23
6pm - 8:30pm
Tues, June 30
6pm - 8:30pm

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

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HARROLD YOUTH CENTER'S SUMMER ADVENTURE

12 WEEKS OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!!! CAMP STARTS MAY 26TH

Join other 6th - 12th graders for a memorable summer of water play, sports games, scavenger hunts, obstacle courses, cooking, team challenges, STEM, swimming and awesome FIELD TRIPS!

SPACE IS LIMITED
SIGN UP NOW TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR STOP BY THE YOUTH CENTER
(913) 684-5118
45 BIDDLE BLVD



June - July Workshops

Framing

\$40 per class

Intro to Framing
Friday, June 12
Saturday, June 27
10am - 2pm

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

Crafts

\$25 per class

Jewelry Making
Wednesday, June 17
9:30am - 11am

Tuesday, June 23
5pm - 6:30pm

Birthday Banner
Wednesday, July 22
10am - 12pm

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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OPEN STUDIO
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.

Framing Studio
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!

Kids Classes

NEW! Pottery
\$20 per class (ages 7+)

Kids Hand Building
Wednesday, June 10
2pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday, June 24
2pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday, July 8
2pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday, July 22
2pm - 3:30pm

Color Me Happy
\$10 per class
Parent & Toddlers

Thursdays
June 4 & 18
10am - 11am

Thursdays
July 2, 16, 30
10am - 11am

Art History
\$20 per class (ages 7+)

Rocket Pops & Ross
Wednesday, June 17
1pm - 3pm

Strawberries & Seurat
Wednesday, July 15
1pm - 3pm

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WORLDS OF FUN & OCEANS OF FUN

Harrold Youth Center / 45 Biddle Blvd / Ft. Leavenworth, KS / 913-684-5115

TEEN SUMMER TRIPS

2026 Dates:

- Friday June 12
- Friday July 10
- Wednesday July 15
- Friday July 24
- Friday August 7

Leaving from HYC at 10am, returning at 7pm
Bring your swimsuit, sunblock, and a towel.

\$45 for each session or \$10 with a season pass (season passes can be purchased from Leisure Travel Services) includes a sack lunch, transportation, and supervision. Trips are for 6th - 12th graders who are eligible to attend the Youth Center. Registration is at HYC two days before trip.



Summer 2026 Youth Sponsorship TEEN MEET & GREETs





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Starting March 9th, 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						
0600		Slow Flow (Leslie)		Slow Flow (Leslie)		
0900			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	

Jiu-Jitsu 1 x a week - \$60 2 x a week - \$75 3 x a week - \$85 Drop in \$20
First class is FREE!
Taekwondo \$65 per month 2x a week - \$10 single class
Must have 24 hour access to gym. Classes are 18+ Register in person

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
320 Pope Ave
Ft. Leavenworth, KS
913-684-5120

The Fort Leavenworth Frame Studio

Custom Framing & DIY Studio

Must complete Intro to Framing Workshop before using the DIY Frame Studio. Hourly fee applies.

Call to register or stop by the studio!

STUDIO HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
9am - 7pm
Wednesday & Friday
9am - 4pm
Every 4th Saturday
9am - 2pm

Come see us!
Arts & Crafts Studio
310 McPherson Ave
(913) 684-3373

Youth Sports & Fitness Camps

Registration starts April 13!

FITNESS

June 8 - 11
Cost \$40

Age Groups	Time
5 - 8 yrs	0900-1000
9 - 14 yrs	1000-1100

CHALLENGER SPORTS SOCCER CAMP

Camps run Monday - Friday
June 1 - 5 / July 6 - 10 / July 27 - July 31

Age Groups	Time	Cost
3 - 4 yrs	0900-1000	\$110
5 - 6 yrs	1030-1200	\$125
7 - 9 yrs	0900-1200	\$165
10 - 14	0900-1200	\$165

BASEBALL

July 13 - 16
Cost \$40

Age Groups	Time
5 - 8 yrs	0900-1000
9 - 10 yrs	1000-1100
11 - 14 yrs	1300-1400

Enrollments will end on the first day of each camp. Challenger Sports Soccer Camp enrollments can be done at any CYS location. Fitness, Baseball, and Basketball Camp enrollments can be completed at any CYS location or with Webtrac if participant is centrally registered.

Call 913-684-7525 / 7526 for more information

leavenworth.armymwr.com





SKIES

Instructional Catalog for Classes Summer 2026

Registration opens April 13 @ 9am*
Open House July 30 @ 5:30pm

We're on the way!



Patch Community Center
320 Pope Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

For more info on SKIES call:
913-684-3207
or text:
913-704-7595

*A current registration with Parent Central is required to enroll.
For more info call: 913-684-5138

Intro to Framing:</

MUNSON NOTES

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■ 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.

■ Munson Army Health Center is now booking **SCHOOL PHYSICALS** for **STUDENTS ENTERING PRE-KINDERGARTEN OR KINDERGARTEN** in **KANSAS** for the first time. Scheduling early helps ensure your child is ready for the school year and avoids the post-PCS season rush. Who needs a physical? Students ages 9 or younger who are new to Kansas schools. Call 913-684-6250 to schedule. (Note: Missouri schools only require proof of immunization.) Sports physicals are not yet available. If you are PCSing out of state, wait to schedule your physical until you arrive at your new duty station, as requirements vary by state.

■ 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 at Munson Army Health Center 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/8 wttlf>.

■ In the event a **TORNADO WARNING** is issued on Fort Leavenworth, and the order is given to take shelter, Munson Army Health Center staff will evacuate patients and visitors to the basement level for their safety. MAHC, at 550 Pope Ave., as well as the Lewis and Clark Center on Stimson Avenue and the Single Soldier Quarters on Cody Road, are opened to the public as **STORM SHELTERS** during tornado watches. In the event a tornado watch is activated after duty hours, Medical Department Activity personnel will open the health center for those needing shelter and remain open until all watches or warnings are lifted.

■ Munson Army Health Center offers **CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS** by appointment to help give you peace of mind every time you hit the road. Our trained staff will walk you through proper installation, answer your questions and ensure your child is riding as safely as possible. Appointments take just 15–20 minutes. Call 913-684-6604 to schedule.

■ 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 if interested in participating.

■ 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.



SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICAL Checklist

3 EASY STEPS BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT

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1 GET THE RIGHT FORMS

Visit your child's school or school district website to download the required forms. *School requirements may vary by district.*

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2 COMPLETE YOUR PORTION

Fill out all parent/guardian sections before your appointment.

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3 BRING YOUR PAPERWORK

Bring the completed forms to your appointment so your provider can complete the medical portion.

**PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE**

for obtaining the forms required by their student's school or athletic program.

**NOT SURE WHICH FORMS YOU NEED?**

Contact your child's school.

**ARRIVING WITH COMPLETED FORMS HELPS KEEP APPOINTMENTS ON SCHEDULE AND ALLOWS US TO CARE FOR MORE FAMILIES.**

**MUNSON**
ARMY HEALTH CENTER
READY TO CARE. READY TO SUPPORT.

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- Don't disenroll from any plan before moving

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The information you provide when scheduling helps our care teams prepare and ensure you receive the right care at the right time.

**Thank you for helping us help you.** 

