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Command, General Staff College Foundation hosts CGSC Org Day

by Mark H. Wiggins/CGSC Foundation Communications Director

The CGSC Foundation and Alumni Association hosted the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Organization Day Oct. 2 on the patio of the Lewis and Clark Center.

More than 400 CGSC students and their families attended the event, which included activities for adults and children.

"We had a great turnout for this first-ever CGSC Organization Day," said Stephenie Cole, the CGSC Foundation's director of operations who coordinated the event. "We also



Photo by Mark H. Wiggins/CGSC Foundation

As David Bornn, international field studies program chair in the International Military Student Division, and Greg Penfield, Command and General Staff College associate dean of academics, switch places in the dunk tank, children line up for their turn at the target during the CGSC Organization Day Oct. 2 on the Lewis and Clark Center patio.

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'The NCO's Barracks Guidebook' released

Guidebook meant to empower leaders, reinforce standards as part of broader barracks strategy

by U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army has published "The NCO's Barracks Guidebook," a comprehensive resource developed by noncommissioned officers for noncommissioned officers, to empower junior leaders with the tools and confidence to improve soldiers' living conditions and enforce standards.

The guidebook, available at https://www.army.mil/e2/downloads/rv7/tyf/NCO_Barracks_Guidebook.pdf, is a key component of the Army's broader, multi-faceted strategy to improve barracks across the force, focusing on the critical role of engaged leadership at the unit level.

"Barracks management is NCO business," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer. "This guidebook equips squad leaders, platoon sergeants and first sergeants to lead with daily presence, identify facility issues early and relentlessly advocate for their troops."

This leadership resource provides practical, standardized guidance and demystifies the process for getting facility issues fixed. The guidebook does not create new bureaucracy; instead, it reinforces existing duties and standardizes best practices so NCOs can catch facility issues early and advocate for their soldiers. It translates

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Photo by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs

Fort Leavenworth Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks, right, talks with Spc. Mickeal Jose, Religious Support Office, during room and facility inspections Sept. 14 at the Single Soldier Quarters.

AT A GLANCE

■ The **NEXT ISSUE** of the **FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP** will publish Oct. 22. The *Lamp* staff wishes everyone an enjoyable holiday weekend.

■ The **FORT LEAVENWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OPEN HOUSE** is 4-7 p.m. Oct. 8 at Fire Station No. 2, 295 Biddle Ave. The annual Fire Prevention Week event will feature live entertainment, a bouncy house, a visit with Sparky the Fire Dog, the opportunity to put out a fire and sit in fire trucks, and refreshments.

■ The **COMBINED ARMS RESEARCH LIBRARY** will close at 4 p.m. Oct. 9 and be closed Oct. 12. Online resources are available with library account login at <https://carlcgsc.libguides.com/Home/Home>.

■ The Fort Leavenworth Hunt's **MEET AND NAME THE NEW PUPPIES** event is from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 9 at Hunt Lodge. Cost to attend is \$25 and can be paid at the door or by calling 913-271-1602. Two suggested military-themed "K" names will be selected during the cocktail-attire event.

■ The **SPEAKER SERIES HISTORY BRUNCH** scheduled for Oct. 10 at the Frontier Army Museum has been postponed as the museum will be closed that day. Details will be shared when the speaker has rescheduled. E-mail usarmy.leavenworth.tradoc.mbx.frontier-army-museum@army.mil with any questions.

■ The opening ceremony for the American Veter-

ans Traveling Tribute **VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL (THE WALL)** and **COST OF FREEDOM EXHIBIT** is at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at Ray Miller Park on the VA Medical Center campus, 4104 S. 4th St. in Leavenworth. See page A6 for more information.

■ The next **FLU SHOT VACCINATION EVENT** for TRICARE beneficiaries ages 6 months and older is from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 16 at Frontier Chapel.

■ A **SENSORY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON** at the MUSEUM for EFMP families is from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Frontier Army Museum. Call 913-684-2800 by Oct. 13 to register.

■ The next **FORT LEAVENWORTH STRAY FACILITY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION SESSION** is at 10 a.m. Oct. 17 at 510 Organ Ave. Volunteer orientation is normally conducted the second Saturday of the month, except for when a holiday falls on that weekend. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Stray Facility is welcome to attend. Call 913-335-0788 for more information.

■ The Fort Leavenworth Hunt's **HORSE SHOW**, showcasing equestrian sports, is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at Wainwright Riding Complex, 265 McPherson Ave. Riders must register at flhsecretary2@gmail.com. Call 913-684-1703 for more information.

■ Munson Army Health Center's **TRUNK OR TREAT** event is from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 23 in the parking

lot behind the health center.

■ The Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club's **FORT LEAVENWORTH HAUNTED TOUR** is Oct. 24. Visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/haunted-ghost-tour> for tickets.

■ FMWR will host a **FITNESS CLASS SAMPLER** from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 24 at Gruber Fitness Center, with free, 15-minute demonstrations of the fitness classes offered. See page B4 for the event schedule and currently available group fitness classes.

■ **MILITARY SHOUTOUTS** are currently being collected for the **Kansas City Chiefs' military appreciation game**. To submit a shoutout or for more information, visit https://chiefs.formstack.com/forms/military_shoutout_submission by Oct. 29.

■ The **POST EXCHANGE'S TRUNK OR TREAT** event is from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 30 in the PX parking lot.

■ The Directorate of Emergency Services has released an **UPDATED TRAFFIC POLICY**, which includes bicycle, scooter and e-bike rules. Visit <https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/about/garrison-cmd-policy-memos/fort-leavenworth-traffic-regulations> for an overview of the policy. Read the full policy at https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/1917/9026/0788/CAC_CG_Signed_CAC-FLVN_Reg_190-5_24_Sep_26.pdf.

Son remembers 1977-79 *Lamp* editor’s career in ‘welcome home’ tribute

Richard Paul “Rick” Fulton

Oct. 10, 1944 – Sept. 20, 2026

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OBITUARY

by Shawn Spickert-Fulton/Son of Rick Fulton

Richard Paul “Rick” Fulton died Sept. 20, 2026, in Pittsburg, Kansas, after a hard fight with mouth cancer. He was 81.

Rick spent most of his life doing some version of the same job: going where something was happening, figuring out what mattered, and making a record of it.

Sometimes he carried a camera. Sometimes a notebook. Sometimes he wrote the words that someone else would deliver from a podium. At other times he taught a classroom, answered a reporter’s question, searched an archive, photographed a historic site, or sat down decades after an event and wrote what he still remembered.

He was a veteran, journalist, photographer, editor, public affairs officer, speechwriter, historian, teacher, artist, police officer, librarian and volunteer.

He was also Dad.

Rick was born Oct. 10, 1944, in Decatur, Illinois. He grew up largely in western Pennsylvania and joined the U.S. Air Force at age 17.

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Submitted photo by Fulton family

Richard Fulton, Public Affairs Office command information officer at Fort Leavenworth from 1977-79, is seen here photographing scenery on a trip, likely at Jasper National Park in Alberta, Canada, while on a road trip to Alaska with his wife, Lorella. Fulton passed away in September.

Fulton commented in a Feb. 22, 1978, *Lamp* article about results of the Keith L. Ware Newspaper Contest. “Honorable mention for the paper in an Army-wide contest can only be attributed to long hours and hard work of many people on post. With only two people in the Command Information section of PAO itself, support of the *LAMP*’s stated goal of being one of the best service publications had to come from a broad base. All I can say is we had — and continue to have — that support. Without the professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication shown by those who contributed to the overall effort with articles, story ideas, photos and art work, we wouldn’t have placed as high as we did. It was a team effort all the way, a philosophy that will continue to be followed. Look out *Dispatch*, *Inside the Turret* and *Cannoneer*. You are good papers, but here comes the *LAMP* in ‘78, and our goal is Number One.”

National Newspaper Week

Despite changes, local journalism still vital to communities

by Benjy Hamm/National Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues Director

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COMMENTARY

When the Declaration of Independence was signed 250 years ago, newspapers throughout the colonies shared the life-changing news with their readers.

With all of the enormous changes in this country and media since 1776, it’s noteworthy that more than 5,000 newspapers are still informing their communities about what their leaders are doing and how those actions affect them.

Often, newspaper reporters are the only journalists who cover the actions of the local school board or city council or youth sports teams. The 2025 State of Local News report by Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism revealed that there are more than 1,500 counties in the United States served by only one news media outlet. In almost all of those counties, the news source is a local newspaper.

It used to be hard to imagine how different communities would be without local news sources. But in recent years, the changing business models for news organizations have led to an increasing number of so-called news deserts — places where residents don’t have access to independent coverage of their communities.

Research shows that the lack of news coverage can lead to a number of problems: fewer people voting, more corruption, higher costs of government and a reduced connection among residents.

One of this country’s most famous founders, Thomas Jefferson, wrote, “Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.”

That doesn’t mean Jefferson always liked what newspapers wrote about him, his decisions or his policies. He often disagreed vehemently. But he and other founders inherently understood the importance of having a government watchdog and independent voices that are free to challenge policies and leaders, with the goals of better informing residents about the world

around them and improving society.

The founders understood this nation needed guarantees to protect vigorous discussions and disagreements, particularly about the government. So, they created the Bill of Rights in 1791, starting with the First Amendment that ensures free speech and a free press.

Sustaining a free press isn’t free, nor is it easy. The type of news coverage that helps to change laws and change lives — including exposing problems and wrongdoing in communities that some would prefer to keep hidden — can be difficult, time-consuming and expensive.

It was true 250 years ago, and it’s still true today.

Some critics have been predicting the death of newspapers since at least the invention of radio, and those predictions have increased with the creation of television, the internet and social media. Yet, newspapers have persevered, adapted their business models and remained as essential institutions in their communities.

In this time of another upheaval of the media business model, newspapers are yet again adapting for the future. Their news is shared not just in print as it was in 1776, but also to millions of readers online and through social media by the news organizations themselves and countless other people.

Surveys that cite how many Americans receive news from their “phones” these days don’t consider where those phones get their news and information. Many readers don’t know the origin either. But much of the commentary and sharing of news that is abundant online and in social media can be



traced back to the original sources: journalists.

As we celebrate National Newspaper Week during Oct. 4-10, it’s important to reflect on why the founders believed so strongly in the need for a free press to cover this nation without government control, without fear or favor and without undue influence from powerful people.

The value of a free press is not simply to protect the press, but to protect democracy. It’s based on the belief that a better-informed citizenry is essential for the United States to not only survive, but to thrive.

In today’s crowded media market, where misinformation and disinformation are abundant, it’s crucial that newspapers continue to serve in their role as watchdogs and as trusted sources to inform, inspire, edu-

cate and connect the communities they serve.

There’s no way to predict how the United States will change and evolve over the next 250 years. But it’s certain we will continue to need a free press and independent journalists to document those changes and provide the important news coverage that is vital for this nation’s future.

Benjy Hamm is director of the national Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues and an associate professor at the University of Kentucky’s School of Journalism and Media. He previously served as editorial director for Landmark Community Newspapers and as an editor at The Virginian-Pilot, The Associated Press and the New York Times Regional Newspaper Group.

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The Air Force took him a long way from home. His early service included Air Police and sentry-dog duty at Wheelus Air Base in Libya. He later moved into the information field, becoming a military journalist and photographer. He served in Korea and then spent nearly two years in Vietnam, where he worked with Seventh Air Force and reported on the war from the Tan Son Nhut environment.

His surviving bylines include “Combat Photogs Taste Ground War,” published by *Seventh Air Force News* in 1968, and “A Friendly Face in the Night,” published by *Pacific Stars and Stripes* in 1969.

He left active Air Force service as a staff sergeant. Vietnam did not end his connection with military service, and journalism did not end when he took off the uniform.

After returning to the United States, Rick attended Pittsburg State University, where he studied history, participated in ROTC, and completed undergraduate and graduate work. He later served in the Kansas Army National Guard, Texas Army National Guard and Army Reserve. In Texas he received a direct commission as a captain in the Adjutant General branch and served with the 100th Public Affairs Detachment.

In 1977, Rick began a Department of the Army civilian public affairs career. At Fort Leavenworth, he worked in the Public Affairs Office and served as editor of the post newspaper, then known as *The Lamp*.

He later moved to Fort Hood, Texas, where he edited, wrote and photographed for the *Fort Hood Sentinel* and worked in III Corps public information. The newspaper still preserves his bylines and photographs from that period.

His work eventually took him back to Korea. There he served in the headquarters environment of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea, and Eighth Army. He became a command speechwriter, preparing material for senior American military leaders during a period of Cold War tension and political change on the Korean Peninsula.

Rick did not stop reporting simply because his regular job involved writing for generals. In 1986, *Soldier of Fortune* published his article and photographs under the title “High-Altitude ROKS,” documenting Republic of Korea soldiers operating in mountainous terrain near the Demilitarized Zone.

His later Army assignments included public affairs work with the U.S. Army Troop Support Command and Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis, service as public affairs officer at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, additional work in Korea, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Chicago, and finally Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he served as chief of community and media relations.

He retired from his regular Department of the Army career in 1995. Retirement did not last in the conventional sense. Rick worked in television news at KSN in Joplin, Missouri, as a photographer and assignment manager. He taught American History I, American History II and Beginning Photography at Labette Community College in Parsons, Kansas. He worked for a time as a reference librarian at the Pittsburg Public Library.

He kept writing. He kept taking pictures. And when Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in 2005, he went back to work. Rick returned to federal service as a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public affairs specialist supporting Task Force Hope–Mississippi. For roughly six months he worked alongside Corps and FEMA personnel during the Katrina recovery effort. His assignments included writing, photography and public information support for major recovery operations, including Operation Blue Roof.

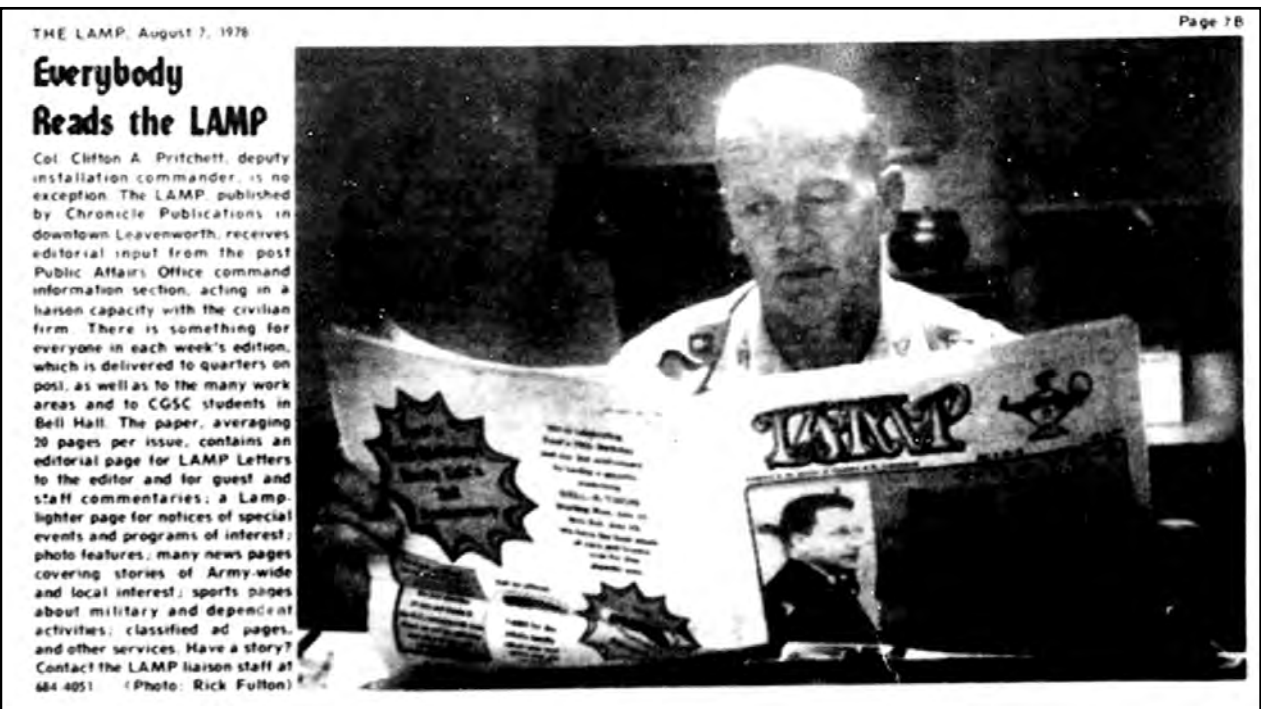
His Katrina photographs were later exhibited at Labette Community College. The Corps presented him a Certificate of Appreciation in April 2006 for his service supporting Task Force Hope–Mississippi.

Even after that assignment ended, Rick remained professionally and historically engaged. He wrote for veterans organizations. He contributed photographs and historical information. He helped correct parts of the Vietnam-era record. He wrote about the Pittsburg State Veterans Memorial. He worked with veterans groups and military history organizations.

In his later years, some of his most personal writing returned to where his military life had begun. For the Military Working Dog Heritage Museum’s *The Paw Print*, he wrote about Air Police K-9 duty, Libya, sentry dogs, barracks life, training accidents and the strange mixture of boredom, danger, discomfort and humor that accompanies military service.

His later pieces included “K9s in Libya in 1964,” “The Pit and the Poop,” “Love Taps,” and “A Bus Trip to Leptus Magna.”

He was still turning memories into record nearly 60 years after the events themselves. Rick also volunteered with the National Park Service and, together with his wife Lorella, contributed photography to the Fort Scott National Historic Site. Their photographs documented activities, reenactments, historic structures and park events. Lorella died in 2023. Her death changed the shape of Rick’s final years, but not his habit of working, remembering, organizing and preserving. He continued to write, draw, paint, collect records, research military history and tell stories. His files filled with photographs, military records, certificates, letters, newspaper clippings, genealogical charts, drafts, published articles and notes. That collection says something about him.



Combined Arms Research Library microfiche archives

Rick Fulton, Public Affairs Office command information officer at Fort Leavenworth from 1977-79, gave an overview of the *Lamp*’s content at the time in the caption to this image from the Aug. 7, 1978, issue. “Everybody Reads the *LAMP*: Col. Clifton A. Pritchett, deputy installation commander, is no exception. The *LAMP*, published by Chronicle Publications in downtown Leavenworth, receives editorial input from the post Public Affairs Office command information section, acting in a liaison capacity with the civilian firm. There is something for everyone in each week’s edition, which is delivered to quarters on post, as well as to the many work areas and to the CGSC students in Bell Hall. The paper, averaging 20 pages per issue, contains an editorial page for *LAMP* Letters to the editor and for guest and staff commentaries; a Lamplighter page for notices of special events and programs of interest; photo features; many news pages covering stories of Army-wide and local interest; sports pages about military and dependent activities; classified ad pages and other services. ... (Photo: Rick Fulton)”

The *Fort Leavenworth Lamp* has been an online-only publication since 2022, overseen by the Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office with one Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation employee serving as editor since 2023, with advertising managed by FMWR.



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Rick Fulton, PAO command information officer at Fort Leavenworth from 1977-79, reported on a bomb scare at the Command and General Staff College in the March 1, 1978, issue of the *Lamp*. “A normal afternoon routine for numerous Command and General Staff College workers in Bell Hall was shattered shortly after 1 p.m. Friday when an American secretary and a German Army sergeant major discovered a possible bomb inside a package that had been sent to the college’s British liaison officer. Although the item in question later proved to be a mock-up training aid simulating an actual explosive device used by terrorists in Northern Ireland, this wasn’t known for more than two-and-a-half extremely tense hours.”

The article ends with a quote by then-CGSC Deputy Command Brig. Gen. Robert Arter. “I thought it was handled very well. Without question, the right thing was done at the right time by the right people.”

Rick believed details mattered. Names mattered. Dates mattered. Who was there mattered. What happened next mattered. And if something was worth remembering, somebody ought to write it down.

His professional life stretched from a 17-year-old Airman standing post with a sentry dog in Libya to an elderly veteran writing about that same dog more than half a century later.

In between came Korea, Vietnam, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Hood, St. Louis, Dugway, Seoul, Chicago, Fort Jack-

son, Joplin, Parsons, Pittsburg, Mississippi, and many places in between.

He spent a lifetime recording the work of soldiers, commanders, veterans, communities, institutions and ordinary people caught up in larger events.

Now he has become part of the record himself. Among Vietnam veterans, the words Rick most wanted to hear when they came home were simple: Welcome home.

After 81 years of travel, work, service, argument, writing, photography, history, family and memory, Rick Fulton has finally made that last trip.

Welcome home, Dad.

Patton Tigers take on Lexington Trails Panthers in community appreciation football game

The crowd in the stands cheers and several spectators come to their feet as Patton Tiger Joseph Roberts reverses play direction and sprints with the football away from pursuers during the Patton Junior High School vs. Lexington Trails Middle School football game Oct. 6 at Normandy Field.

Unified School District 207 provided free hot-dogs, chips and water for spectators at the annual community appreciation game.

The Patton Tigers lost to the Lexington Trails Panthers 6-8.

Photo by Prudence Siebert/
Fort Leavenworth Lamp



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

ABOVE: Patton Tiger Finnian Brown, right, runs the ball toward the Patton end zone during the Patton Junior High School seventh- and eighth-grade football game against Lexington Trails Middle School from De Soto, Kansas, Oct. 6 on Normandy Field.

LEFT: Unified School District 207 Superintendent Keith Mispagel grills hotdogs during the community appreciation game Oct. 6 at the track and field complex by the district office. Spectators were offered free hotdogs, chips and drinks during the Patton Tigers football game.

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had some great sponsors who showed up to run their stations and meet the soldiers and their families. Thanks to their support, the students, families and faculty had a great time.”

The event included bounce houses for children, corn hole games for children and grown-ups, and a scavenger hunt that allowed families to tour the Lewis and Clark Center where their soldiers spend their time.

A crowd favorite was the dunk tank, where David Bornn of the CGSC International Military Student Division and CGSC Associate Dean of Academics Greg Penfield took turn after turn getting drenched as a seemingly endless line of children gleefully hit the target.

There were also stations for popcorn, hotdogs, water and Weston Brewery beer. Additionally, the Combined Arms Research Library set up a Story Walk on the walkway between the Lewis and Clark Center, and the library and also ran a crafts station in the children’s section of the library during the event.

Sponsors included First Command Financial Services, represented by George Harris, district advisor; Air, represented by Elizabeth Callender and Andrew Santiago; Frontier Community Credit Union in Leavenworth; Arvest Bank, represented by Cory Trowbridge, branch manager in Lenexa; O’Malley’s Pub in Weston, Missouri; Triangle Lawn Games, represented by Dylan Pierce; Fort Leavenworth Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and What’s Up Weston, represented by Megan Jantos and Lynn Searcy.

For more photos from the event, view the CGSC Foundation Flickr album at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjD6Sqz>.



ABOVE: Command and General Staff College students, faculty, staff and family members gather on the Lewis and Clark Center patio during the CGSC Organization Day, hosted by the CGSC Foundation and Alumni Association, Oct. 2.

LEFT: Library staff provide craft stations for children in the children’s room inside the library and a Story Walk outside during CGSC Organization Day, hosted by the CGSC Foundation and Alumni Association, Oct. 2 at the Combined Arms Research Library.

Photos by Mark H. Wiggins/CGSC Foundation

Vietnam Wall, Cost of Freedom Tribute to be at Leavenworth VA campus Oct. 14-18

Opening ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15

by City of Leavenworth Public Affairs News Release

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) will be in Leavenworth Oct. 14-18 at the Eisenhower Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4101 S. 4th St. The AVTT brings the Vietnam Wall and Cost of Freedom Tribute to Leavenworth for a four day public display honoring service members lost in the conflict in Vietnam, as well as World War I, World War II, Korea, Desert Storm, Somalia, 9/11, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The AVTT exhibit arrives on Oct. 14, with a motorcycle procession escorted by law enforcement. The group will depart Bonner Springs, Kansas, at 9 a.m., with arrival and assembly expected between 9:30-9:45 a.m.

An opening ceremony is at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 near the entrance to the VA campus and Ray Miller Park.

U.S. Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Patricia R. Wallace, deputy commanding general of Combined Arms Command, will serve as the guest speaker. Leavenworth Mayor Nancy Bauder will also welcome the display on behalf of the City of Leavenworth.

Daily ceremonies will continue throughout the weekend, coordinated by various military veterans organizations.

- Friday, Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m., which includes a religious service

The Vietnam Wall and Cost of Freedom Tribute will be open 24 hours a day with lighting and security provided. The City of Leavenworth invites residents, families and veterans to visit the display and honor the sacrifices of America's fallen warriors.



File photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Navy veteran Richard Painter, of Piper, Kansas, looks for the names of men he served with aboard the USS Oriskany in 1966 at the American Veterans Traveling Tribute's Traveling Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., Oct. 28, 2016, at Ray Miller Park in Leavenworth. Painter said who knew several of the service members who died on the USS Oriskany in a fire Oct. 26, 1966 — including Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) William Garrity Jr. and pilot Cmdr. Harry Juntilla, whose names he found on the wall. Painter said he departed the aircraft carrier about three weeks before the fatal fire. The traveling tribute will be on display again Oct. 14-18 at the Eisenhower Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4101 S. 4th St.

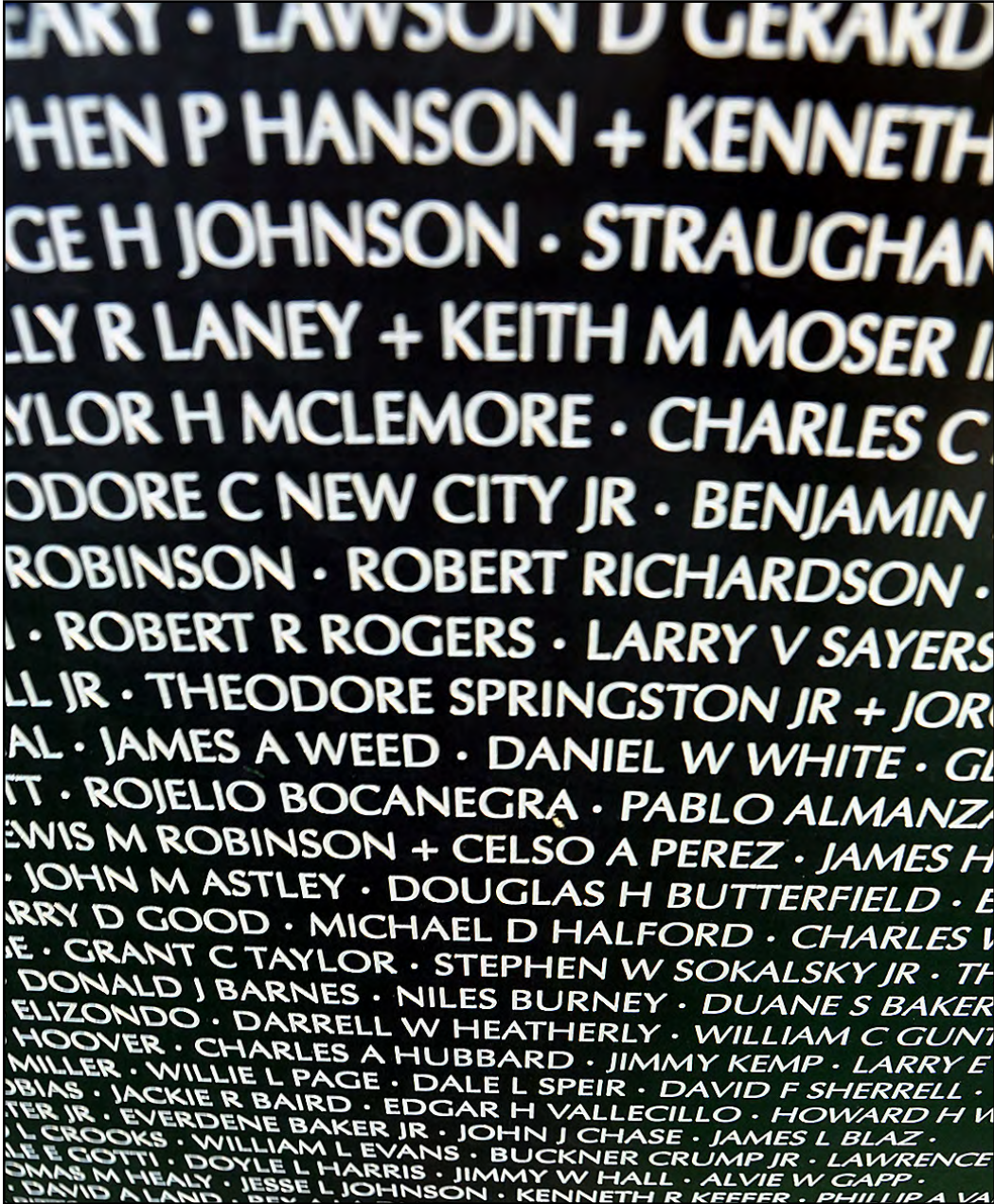


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ABOVE: Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Lucker, of the Navy Band Great Lakes Brass Ambassadors out of Great Lakes, Illinois, plays taps at the conclusion of the opening ceremony for the American Veterans Traveling Tribute's Traveling Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., Oct. 28, 2016, at Ray Miller Park in Leavenworth. Lucker, with fellow Brass Ambassadors Petty Officer 2nd Class Gregory Lopes on trombone, Petty Officer 3rd Class Collin Moos on tuba, Petty Officer 1st Class Laura Ringnald on French horn, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Bookman on trumpet, provided patriotic music before and during the ceremony.

RIGHT: The names of service members killed in action from May 27, 1967, to June 17, 1967, fill a section of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute's Traveling Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall was displayed Oct. 27-30, 2016, at Ray Miller Park by the Eisenhower Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Leavenworth, and the traveling tribute will be on display again Oct. 14-18 at the Eisenhower Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4101 S. 4th St. in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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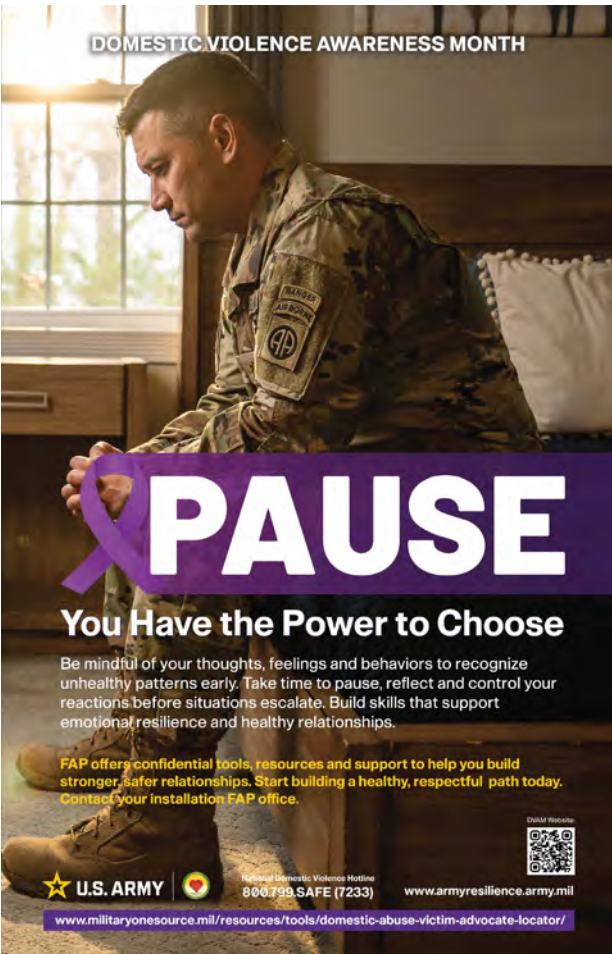
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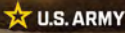


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Your Journey Starts Here





MAHC, USD 207 explore ways to support military students

by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer

Munson Army Health Center leaders met with Fort Leavenworth Unified School District 207 Superintendent Dr. Keith Mispagel on Sept. 25 to discuss how the health center and schools can support military students throughout their time at Fort Leavenworth, from joining a new school community to transitioning to their next assignment.

MAHC Director Col. Tiffany Bilderback and Senior Enlisted Advisor Sgt. Maj. Devon Woodard met with Mispagel at the district office, where he briefed them on the USD 207 schools on post and the families they serve. He then led the MAHC team on a tour of Patton Junior High School.

For Bilderback and Woodard, the conversation was personal. Both grew up as military children and experienced the challenges of moving to new schools and making new friends. They understand that even a move lasting one school year asks students to adjust quickly, form connections and prepare to say goodbye. According to USD 207’s website, more than 90 percent of its students are active-duty military dependents, and the district experiences student mobility and transitions of nearly

50 percent each year. Some families spend just one school year at Fort Leavenworth while a service member attends the Command and General Staff College. Bilderback and Mispagel said they want MAHC and USD 207 to stay in sync so families can find support when they arrive at Fort Leavenworth, while their children attend school, and as they prepare to leave the installation for their next duty assignment. “Having been a military child, I know how much it means to feel welcomed in a new place,” Bilderback said. “We want to understand where Munson can help make those transitions easier for students and families.” The leaders discussed MAHC’s role in providing school and sports physicals for incoming students. They also reflected on past collaboration, including MAHC staff participation in literacy events and career days, and explored other ways health center professionals could share their expertise in health sciences, physical fitness, nutrition and mental well-being through future school events. The meeting gave both organizations a chance to better understand each other’s work and identify opportunities to support the military families they serve.



ABOVE: Munson Army Health Center Director Col. Tiffany Bilderback, right, meets with Fort Leavenworth Unified School District 207 Superintendent Dr. Keith Mispagel Sept. 25 at the district office to discuss how the health center and schools can support military students throughout their time at Fort Leavenworth, from joining a new school community to transitioning to their next assignment.



LEFT: Fort Leavenworth Unified School District 207 Superintendent Dr. Keith Mispagel, right, takes Munson Army Health Center Director Col. Tiffany Bilderback and Senior Enlisted Advisor Sgt. Maj. Devon Woodard on a tour of Patton Middle School Sept. 25.

Photos by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

MAHC leaders host 1st staff Lunch and Learn

by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer

Munson Army Health Center’s new command team hosted its first staff Lunch and Learn Sept. 17 in the health center’s first-floor break room. Col. Tiffany R. Bilderback, MAHC director, and Sgt. Maj. Devon S. Woodard, senior enlisted adviser, used the inaugural session as an opportunity to get to know members of the workforce and hear directly from employees. Approximately 20 soldiers and

civilian employees filtered in and out during the session. Conversations covered a range of topics, including communication, training and staffing. The command team met longtime employees who have served at MAHC for more than 15 years, as well as newer teammates who bring different experiences and fresh perspectives to the organization. “Taking time to listen to our teammates helps us better understand what is working, where challenges exist and how we can support them,” Bilderback said.

“Every member of the Munson team contributes to our mission, and their perspectives are important as we move forward together.” The Lunch and Learn format is designed to accommodate the different lunch schedules of MAHC sections. Employees can stop by as their schedules permit to ask questions, share information or simply listen and are not expected to remain for the entire session. Based on feedback from the first event, leadership will extend future Lunch and Learn sessions

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide maximum availability for employees across the organization. One outcome from the September discussion is the addition of a “Myth Buster” link under the new Command Team tab on the MAHC workforce SharePoint page. The resource will give employees a way to submit questions and seek clarification about information or rumors circulating within the organization. Bilderback said she intends to continue hosting Lunch and Learn sessions each month, with

topics reflecting issues relevant to the MAHC workforce. Employees are also encouraged to suggest subjects for future discussions. Because staff training is scheduled for the afternoon of the regularly planned October session, October’s Lunch and Learn will move to Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the first-floor break room. The command team will continue meeting employees throughout the organization and plans to visit MAHC personnel working at the Military Corrections Complex.

Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities Yard of the Month Contest

CONGRATULATIONS

September

“EARLY AUTUMN” CONTEST WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE WINNER
106 GRIERSON ST.

1ST RUNNER UP
108 GRIERSON ST.

2ND RUNNER UP
113 1ST CAVALRY RD.

Fire Prevention Week

Red Cross offers ways to help keep loved ones safe, reduce risk of home fires

FLFD to host FPW open house Oct. 8

by American Red Cross Press Release

During Fire Prevention Week — Oct. 4-10 — the American Red Cross of Missouri and Arkansas offers steps you can take to help prevent a fire in your home and keep your loved ones safe.

Across the country, the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters a year, and most of these are home fires.

In Missouri as well as select counties in Illinois and Kansas, Red Cross disaster teams have responded to more than 1,300 fires since the beginning of 2026. These fires are devastating for the people involved. But there are steps everyone can take that will help not only help prevent a fire from starting, but also help keep everyone safe should an emergency occur.

Steps to keep you safe

- **Have a plan.**
You may have less than two minutes to escape from a burning home.
Draw up a household fire escape plan and practice it twice a year.
Everyone in your household should know two ways to escape from each room in your home.
Decide where to meet once you get outside. Select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as a neighbor's home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows to meet.
Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets or things.
Time your fire drill and find out how long it took everyone to get out.
If a fire starts in your home, get out safely, then dial 911.
- **Smoke alarms save lives.**
Smoke alarms can cut your risk of dying in a fire nearly in half.
Place smoke alarms on each level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas.
In addition to testing your alarms once a month, change the batteries at least once a year, if your model requires it.
Check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms. If they're 10 years or older, they need to be replaced because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
Identify two exits from every room.
Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.

For more information, visit <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire/fire-safety-equipment.html>.

Steps to help prevent a fire

- **Be safe in the kitchen.**
Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States. Follow these five steps to help you avoid a cooking fire:
 - Never leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.
 - Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
 - Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove.
 - Keep anything that can catch on fire — pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains — away from your stove top and oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.
 - Purchase a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen.
- For more information, visit https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDF_s/Preparedness___Disaster_Recovery/Disaster_Preparedness/Home_Fire/FireCookingFactSheet.pdf.
- **Heat your home safely.**
Home heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires. As the time of year nears when people turn the heat back on, take these five steps to heat your home safely:
 - Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.
 - Never leave a fire burning in the fireplace unattended. Make sure any embers in the fireplace are extinguished before going to bed or leaving home. Use a glass or metal fire screen to keep embers in the fireplace.
 - Space heaters: It's critical to keep at least three feet of space around all heating equipment, and never leave space heaters unattended.
 - If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, hard and nonflammable surface, such as a ceramic tile floor. Don't place it on rugs and carpets, or near bedding and drapes. And keep children and pets away from the heater.
 - Plug space heater power cords directly into outlets — never an extension

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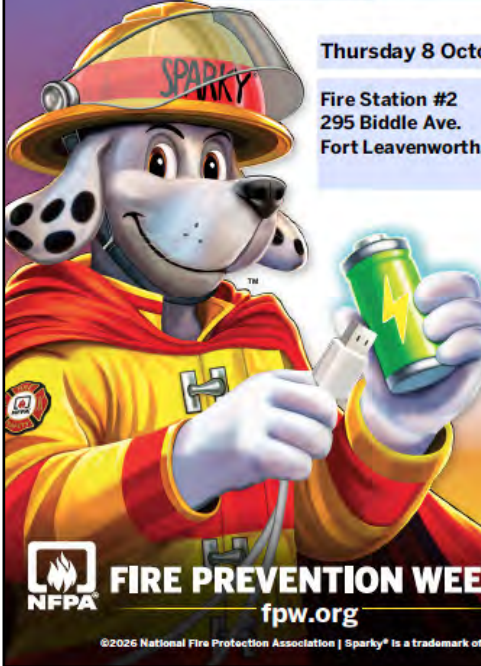
Fort Leavenowrth Fire Department

Open House

Thursday 8 October 2026 1600-1900 Open to Public

Fire Station #2
295 Biddle Ave.
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Fort Leavenworth Fire Department
Open House
Live Entertainment
Bouncy House
Visit Sparky
Drink, Popcorn
See and Sit in Fire trucks
Put out Live Fire





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cord. Turn it off every time you leave the room or go to sleep.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, there was a home fire every 23 seconds in 2024, which claimed a life every two hours and 14 minutes. During Fire Prevention Week, the Red Cross urges everyone to develop their evacuation plans, check their smoke alarms and help keep the members of their household safe.

About the American Red Cross
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org.



Fort Leavenworth Fire and Emergency Services & EFMP Family Support Present



SENSORY-FRIENDLY FIREHOUSE HOUR!

Thursday, Oct. 8
Firehouse #2
295 Biddle
Fort Leavenworth, KS
From 3pm - 4pm
(directly before the Community event)



Explore the Fire Station, meet the firefighters and learn fire safety tips without loud noises and flashing lights.

Register by Oct. 5
Call 913-684-2800 for more info



MCTP longevity awards



Submitted photo by Mission Command Training Program

Myron Reineke, the civilian deputy to the Mission Command Training Program commander, MCTP Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Murphy and Col. Sean Lucas, MCTP commander, right, recognize Department of Army civilians with longevity awards at the conclusion of the MCTP town hall Sept. 28 at the Post Theater. Recognized were Adam Lebron for 20 years, Michael Jaskowiec for 30 years, Chad Mitchell for 30 years, Gil Herrera for 35 years, Deron Porter for 35 years, Robert Hanson for 40 years and Keith Collier for 40 years.

Adoptable Pets of the Week: Stella & Ella



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp



Stella and Ella are 2-year-old shepherd-boxer mixes available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. They can be adopted separately or together.

Submit an adoption application online at <https://new.shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/FLSF/Dog>. Military affiliation is not required to adopt from FLSF. The adoption fee for a dog is \$155, which helps cover some of the care received, including spay/neuter, microchipping and vaccinations to date. Visit <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/ks/fort-leavenworth/fort-leavenworth-stray-facility-ks174/> for adoptable pet profiles.

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

Volunteers are needed to help cover pet care shifts, walk dogs, clean kennels and more. Foster homes for adoptable pets are also needed. Volunteer orientation sessions are conducted at 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. 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.”



SPOOK UP YOUR PET!

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HOWL-O-WEEN
PET COSTUME
CONTEST

CALLING ALL FLFHC RESIDENTS! SHOW OFF YOUR FURRY FRIENDS' SPOOKY STYLE BY ENTERING OUR VIRTUAL PET COSTUME CONTEST. WHETHER YOUR PET LIKES TO DRESS UP AS A CUTE PUMPKIN, OR AN EERIE GHOST, WE WANT TO SEE THEIR PICTURES!

POST YOUR PET'S PICTURE IN THE COMMENT SECTION ON OUR FACEBOOK POST, SCAN THE Q CODE, OR VIA DM. THE PET WITH THE MOST LIKES BY OCTOBER 31ST WINS A FEATURE ON OUR FACEBOOK, AND A FUR BABY BASKET FULL OF GOODIES.

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FORT LEAVENWORTH HUNT INVITES YOU TO
meet and name the new puppies!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 6-8 PM

Hunt Lodge
800 Wainwright Street
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

COCKTAIL ATTIRE
HORS D' OEUVRES • REFRESHMENTS
TWO NAMES CHOSEN AT 7:30 PM

Naming Guidelines
Begin With The Letter "K"
Easy To Pronounce
Must Reflect Military Heritage
1-2 Syllables
Name Written On Your Ticket
Approved By Huntsman



Payments via cash, card or check payable to MWR
Tickets \$25 Each At Door Or Via Prepayment Call 913-271-1602



American Veterans Traveling Tribute



**Vietnam War Memorial
(The Wall)
& Cost of Freedom Exhibit**

Wednesday, October 14 to Sunday, October 18
Opening Ceremony: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, October 15

Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center and
Ray Miller Park, 4104 S. 4th Street,
Leavenworth KS

 Open to the public 24 hours a day
No admission charge





**BOSS PRESENTS
MOVIE NIGHT**



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October 9

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

Come out and join us as the BOSS program gives back to the Community by playing FREE movies inside the Post movie theater.
Prepackaged snacks and drink can be purchased at the snack bar.
No outside food or drinks are authorized.
For all movies children 12 and under MUST be accompanied by an ADULT!
CASH only at the snack bar!

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

Munson Army Health Center

**2026 FLU SHOT
EVENTS**

Frontier Chapel
625 Thomas Ave., Fort Leavenworth

2 OCTOBER

Noon - 4 p.m.

16 OCTOBER

Noon - 4 p.m.

27 OCTOBER

2 - 6 p.m.

06 NOVEMBER

Noon - 4 p.m.

20 NOVEMBER

Noon - 4 p.m.

TRICARE Beneficiaries aged 6 months and up. DoD ID card required for ages 10 years and up. Children 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For more information visit munson.tricare.mil



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Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CDT

History Brunch: Trail System Through Kansas During the Civil War

100 Reynolds Ave, Fort Leavenworth, KS, United States, Kansas 66027



Join EFMP and the
Frontier Army Museum for

**A Sensory Friendly
Afternoon at the Museum**

October 16
2pm - 4pm

Frontier Army Museum
100 Reynolds Ave
Fort Leavenworth

This event is a calm, and welcoming opportunity for our EFMP Families to enjoy the Frontier Army Museum in a relaxed, low-sensory environment. There will be interactive touch stations, and cozy corners set up throughout the museum. The museum is free to visit. Children must stay with their Guardian. Pre-register by October 13. Call 913-684-2800







Distinguished Speaker Series



**Insights from the Cold War
for the 21st Century**

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

JW Crancer's
530 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kansas



2026

MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER

TRUNK
or
TREAT

5-7 P.M., FRIDAY, OCT. 23

Haunted House
Cast Your Vote for Best Trunk!



Volunteers/Candy Donations Welcome

POC SSG Hall at jon.m.hall3.mil@health.mil

TRICK
OR
TREAT

AT THE
FRONTIER ARMY MUSEUM



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

1-3 P.M.

FRONTIER ARMY MUSEUM
100 REYNOLDS AVE
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KS 66027

HOSTED BY THE
FRIENDS OF THE FRONTIER ARMY MUSEUM

TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT, PLEASE EMAIL
[Arjean Smith, President](mailto:Arjean.Smith@ffam.us)
president@ffam.us

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FORT LEAVENWORTH
HAUNTED TOUR

OCTOBER 24, 2026



HOSTED BY THE FORT LEAVENWORTH
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JOIN US FOR A CHILLING ADVENTURE!
JOIN THE FUN AND
VOLUNTEER!



PURCHASE TICKETS
HERE!!

EXCHANGE

TRUNK OR TREAT

COMMUNITY
EVENT!



Friday, Oct. 30

1700-1900

East Side Exchange Parking Lot

Trunk or Treat Contest:
Best theme/decorations will win a \$100
Exchange Gift Card.
Check Sign-Up sheet for more information

Sign-Up in store or online

TRAILS OF TERROR
CHILI SCRAMBLE

Trails West Golf Course // 306 Cody Road

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

10AM SHOTGUN START



Chili proudly
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\$60 Members/ \$70 non-members
Last day to sign up is October 22nd!
Fee includes: tournament, greens, cart, range,
food & beverage, flight and hole prizes.



This 4-person scramble is nothing like you've seen before! There will be riddles that need to be solved along
the way, but don't worry there are no tricks only treats, delicious chili will be served at the end of the
round!



Info: (913) 651-7176

HALLOWEEN
COSMIC BOWLING



Oct
24

6pm - 9pm

\$12

Come out and have a
fantastic time at the
Strike Zone!
This special is so ghoul-d,
it's scary!

Enter the costume contest to
win fa-BOO-lous prizes!

- Kids Category
- Adult Category
- Overall Wackiest

For more information or to
make a reservation call:
913-651-2195



LET'S PLAY
BINGO!

9AM
-11AM

THURSDAY
OCTOBER
15th



220 HANCOCK AVENUE,
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FORT LEAVENWORTH
2026 HORSE SHOW

Join the Fort Leavenworth Hunt for a
fun, family-friendly day of showcasing
equestrian sports. Come out and support
our FLH foxhounds. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, October 18th

8am - 4pm

Wainwright Riding Complex
265 McPherson Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

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FREE Admission
Concessions available for purchase.
All riding disciplines are welcome!

Riders must register at flhsecretary2@gmail.com
All riders must have a Hold Harmless Waiver, wear heeled boots,
ASTM approved helmet, and have proof of Negative Coggins.
Junior Riders (under age 18) must be accompanied by their parent
or guardian to participate. Must be able to access Fort Leavenworth.
Call 913-684-1703 for more information



Scan here for
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Break
the Silence

Glow Walk

For Domestic Violence Awareness Month



October 29

6:30pm - 8pm

@ Gruber Field
200 Reynolds Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Join Fort Leavenworth's
Army Community Service for a
powerful and illuminating evening
dedicated to raising awareness
of Domestic Violence.

Stand in solidarity with Survivors as
you walk the route, stop at interactive
stations, hear their stories, and
learn how you can support those
affected by Domestic Violence.

Participants are encouraged to wear purple to represent the
collective strength of our community in breaking the silence
surrounding Domestic Violence. The walk will begin at
Gruber Field (in front of Gruber Fitness Center) with
participants visiting stations along the route.

FREE and no registration required.
Call 913-683-2537 for more information



TRICKED
OUT

OCTOBER 2026

HALLOWEEN
DECORATION CONTEST

AT FRONTIER HERITAGE COMMUNITIES



SHOW OFF your spooky style and
make Frontier Communities a
little more boo-tiful!



SCAN ME

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO
TO THE OFFICE BY
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 20TH

VOTING STARTS
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 22ND

WINNERS ANNOUNCED
FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 30TH

The top three yards with the most "likes" wins!
Prizes: official lawn sign, feature on our
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Normandy and Osage Walking Town Hall

The Garrison Command Team and Frontier Heritage Communities
Representatives welcome all residents to come out and speak with them

14 Oct 2026 (1630-1730)

Stop #1 Osage: Bullard Ave./ King Rd. (Approximately 1640- 1700)

Stop #2 Normandy: Stillwell Ave/ Buckner Ave. (Approximately 1710-1730)

Osage
Leslie Cromer 951-941-1800
Melissa Akey 848-218-1028
Normandy
Kristin Shelly 719-502-1285
Denise Tresch 714-469-5828



Please send any issues to
your village Mayor in advance
so they can be discussed
during the walk thru

FRONTIER HERITAGE COMMUNITIES
ANNUAL HALLOWEENTIE ROAST



31
OCTOBER

3:30 - 5:30 PM

FLFHC COMMUNITY CENTER
220 HANCOCK AVENUE
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS 66027
FREE ALL-BEER HOTDOGS | PHOTO BOOTH



JOIN US AT THE FLFHC HOUSING OFFICE BEFORE TRICK-OR-TREATING FUN BEGINS!

Fall 2026 Speaker Series
History Brunch

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

Light refreshments served at 10:30a
Presentations begin at 11a.m

Saturday September 26th
"History of Kansas Public Health: Disease Prevention to
Modern State and Federal Collaboration" with
Dr. Emily Morrow Ph.D.

Saturday October 10th
"Trail System Through Kansas During the Civil War" with
Dr. Darin Tuck

Saturday November 14th
"Quilting History: The Lewis and Clark Expedition" With
Diane Pickman & Susie Taylor

Saturday December 5th
"Fort Leavenworth: History of Missile Defense in the
Midwest" with LTC Bryan Taylor

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>

Fort Leavenworth
Arts & Crafts Studio
October 2026



OPEN STUDIOS
-Ask About Hourly Rates-

Pottery Studio

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

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Provided watercolor and acrylic supplies to create your own masterpiece.

Multi-Craft Studio

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

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Assemble your own frames in our DIY Studio! Participants must take the Intro to Framing class before using the DIY Studio.

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-At The Studio-

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- Military Prints & Fine Art
- Restoration & Repairs
- Retirement Gifts
- Laser & Rotary Engravings
- Sublimation & DTF Transfers
- Pottery & Ceramics
- Watercolor & Acrylic Classes
- Resiliency Through Art
- Private Events/Parties

October 1
Pottery: Hand Build Pumpkin/Leaf Platter
Time: 6pm-8pm
Cost: \$50

October 6
Pottery: Throwing Basics Part 1
Time: 9am-11:30am
Cost: \$45

October 6
Pottery: Hand Build Pumpkins
Time: 1pm-3pm
Cost: \$35

October 8
Watercolor: Autumn Wreaths
Time: 1pm-3pm
Cost: \$30

October 9
Intro to Framing
Time: 10am-2pm
Cost: \$40

October 9
Paint & Sip: Spooky Tree
Must be 21 years old
Time: 6pm-8pm
Cost: \$35

October 13
Calligraphy: Basics
Time: 1pm-2:30pm
Cost: \$20

October 15
Watercolor: Landscapes 1
Time: 1pm-3pm
Cost: \$30

October 15
Pottery: Throwing Basics Part 1
Time: 6pm-8:30pm
Cost: \$45

October 16
Kids Pottery: Pumpkins
Time: 2:30-4pm
Cost: \$20

October 24
Intro to Framing
Time: 10am-2pm
Cost: \$40

October 27
Pottery: Throwing Basics Part 2
Time: 9am-11:30am
Cost: \$45

October 27
Calligraphy: Intermediate
Time: 1pm-2:30pm
Cost: \$20

October 29
Watercolor: Landscapes 2
Time: 1pm-3pm
Cost: \$30

October 29
Pottery: Throwing Basics Part 2
Time: 6pm-8:30pm
Cost: \$45

Pre-Registration Is Required For ALL Classes

YOUR CLASS, YOUR SCHEDULE

You pick the day and time, and we teach the class!
Email us your desired class and interested dates and times.

Open Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-7pm
Wednesday & Friday 9am-4pm
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Website

leavenworth.armymwr.com

Email

ArtsAndCraftsFortLeavenworth@gmail.com

Location

310 McPherson Ave
(The Old USB)
Fort Leavenworth, KS
66027

Phone

(913) 684-3373



The Fort Leavenworth
Frame Studio



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

Intro to Framing:
(\$40 a class must pre-register)

Every 2nd Friday of the month from 10am - 2pm

Every 4th Saturday of the month from 10am - 2pm

Deadline to register is the day before class. Ages 18+

The Frame Studio is available for all of your framing needs!

Military Prints
Art Projects
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SKIES
Instructional Classes
Music Recital
November 13th
Pioneer Chapel
500 Pope Ave/ Fort Leavenworth
Performance begins at 5:30 pm
Come out and support the students from the SKIES Music Classes as they showcase their talents in Piano and Strings.
Family, friends, and music lovers are welcome to attend this FREE performance!
For more information:
913-684-3207

HALLOWEEN PET COSTUME PHOTO CONTEST
DRESS YOUR PET IN THEIR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN COSTUME FOR A CHANCE TO WIN UP TO \$500
2 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS RECEIVE A \$500 EXCHANGE GIFT CARD.
8 RUNNER UP WINNERS RECEIVE A \$250 EXCHANGE GIFT CARD.
ENTER OCTOBER 1 - 31, 2026
Visit shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes for rules and prize details.

Patriots Pen AND Voice of Democracy SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST
THEME: "What a Veteran Taught Me About America"
REAL STORIES. REAL PEOPLE. A STRONGER TOMORROW.
ENTRIES DUE TO VFW POST
OCTOBER 31 2026
THIS MUST BE YOUR OWN WORDS! AI WRITING IS NOT ALLOWED.

Your Journey Starts Here
A Faster Way to Connect with Programs and Services.
U.S. ARMY

Kids full of energy? Looking for an outlet outside of your living room? Save your furniture and sign them up for these SKIES Brand New classes!
Go ahead and let them.....
RUN, JUMP, BOUNCE!
Tuesdays @ the Patch Community Center Gym
320 Pope Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS
9am - 9:45am \$13 per 45 min session Just for Littles 1 - 3 yrs with Parent
10am - 11am \$15 per 60 min session Just Family Fun Mixed ages 2+ with Parent
11:15am - 12:15pm \$15 per 60 min session Just Fun 6+
Call 913-684-3207 or text 913-704-7595 for more info

FORT LEAVENWORTH PANTRY HELP US RESTOCK THE SHELVES
Our Fort Leavenworth shelves are powered by generous donations - every box of cereal and can of soup comes from neighbors like you, and it stays right here in our local community, supporting military families from every branch, the National Guard, and the Reserve. Right now, we could use a little help restocking these items:
BREAKFAST BASKET
Cereal - Pancake Mix & Syrup - Oatmeal - Breakfast Items
PASTA NIGHT
Pasta - Red or White Pasta Sauce - Grated Parmesan Cheese - Hamburger Helper - Mac & Cheese (with the cheese pasta)
CANNED & PANTRY STAPLES
Canned Soups - Canned Chicken - Canned Fruit - Applesauce - Fruit Juice
BIRTHDAY KITS - ALWAYS IN DEMAND
Cake Mix - Frosting - Can of Soda - Candles
DROP OFF AT THE FORT LEAVENWORTH PANTRY
strongholdfoodpantry.org | contact@strongholdfoodpantry.org
Own a business or run an organization? Ask about becoming a donation drop-off point - email us at contact@strongholdfoodpantry.org
Thank you for helping us serve our military families with dignity.

Learn to create
DRAGONS, MERMAIDS, AND MORE!
Mondays at Patch Community Center
320 Pope Ave
Ages 6 - 9 years 4:30 - 5:30
Ages 10 - 17.99 5:45 - 6:45
\$15 per class (total will vary on number of sessions)
Themed monthly projects!
Must be registered with Parent Central. Call 913-684-3207 for more info.

2026 GENERAL ELECTION
SEPT 19 Deadline to transmit UOCAVA ballots.
OCT 13 Deadline to register to vote or update your voter registration to change address or name only to participate in the 2026 general election.
OCT 14 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.
OCT 27 Advance in-person voting must begin for all counties.
NOV 3 GENERAL ELECTION (All mail ballots must be received on Election Day. NEW IN 2026)
DEC 1 Last day for State Board of Canvassers to certify official results.
VOTEKANSAS.GOV

STRONGHOLD AT THE TABLE
Thu, Nov 12 | Stronghold Food Pantry
Stronghold at the Table is our annual Thanksgiving program, created to ensure military families across the nation can gather around a table filled with not just food, but dignity, warmth, and care.
Registration opens Oct 01, 2026, 8:00 AM

Starting August 24th, 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	Body Pump (Corey)		Spin (Karyn)		Body Pump (Corey)	
0600		Slow Flow (Leslie)		Slow Flow (Leslie)		
0900			Body Pump (Tara)		Body Pump (Tara)	Body Pump (Corey)
1000	Foundations Pilates (Hannah)			Full Body Pilates (Hannah)		
1300	Body Pump (Tara)					
1630		Body Pump (Corey)	Power Cycling (Kim)	Gentle 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



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SPIN!

GRUBER FITNESS CENTER
200 REYNOLDS AVE
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KS

Wednesdays at 5:30am
@Gruber Fitness Center

We're back! Join us every Wednesday morning for an amazing high energy low impact cardio workout set to awesome music!



Beginner to Advanced levels welcome!
Open to all DOD ID card holders 18 years and older.
Call for more info: 913-684-3224/5136



Karyn Smith has been Spin certified since 2008 and is the recipient of a 5yr MWR service award.

FOUNDATIONS PILATES - MONDAY 10:00
FULL BODY PILATES - THURSDAY 10:00
AT GRUBER FITNESS CENTRE

Mat Pilates
WITH HANNAH



IMPROVE POSTURE BUILD CORE STRENGTH IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY
FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS



Fall Fitness Sampler

October 24 • 8:30AM - 1PM

Gruber Fitness Center • 200 Reynolds Ave.

Get ready to fall into fitness!

At this event, our Group Fitness Instructors will offer 15 minute demonstrations of their classes for patrons to try out. Tryout as many classes as you would like.

Anyone who completes all classes will be eligible for a prize!

Registration is NOT required, just show up

FREE event!

For more info: (913) 684-5120

Time	CLASS	Instructor
8:30- 8:45 AM	SPIN	Karyn
	Tear down and Set-up	
8:55-9:10 AM	FOUNDATIONS PILATES	Hannah
	Tear down and Set-up	
9:25- 9:40 AM	BODY PUMP	Tara
	Tear down and Set-up	
9:55-10:10AM	SLOW FLOW	Leslie
	Tear down and Set-up	
10:25- 10:40 AM	YOGA/POWER CUT/CYCLING	Kim
	Tear down and Set-up	
10:55-11:10 AM	FULL BODY PILATES	Hannah
	Tear down and Set-up	
11:25-11:40 AM	TOTAL BODY HIIT	TJ
	Tear down and Set-up	
11:55-12:10 PM	PRE and POST-NATAL PILATES	Hannah



Get up and get active with Youth Sports & Fitness

HOME SCHOOL SPORTS & FITNESS!

Every Monday starting Oct. 5!
@ Harrold Youth Center
45 Biddle Blvd
Fort Leavenworth, KS



\$20 per monthly session
Ages 5 yrs - 10yrs: 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Ages 11 yrs - 18yrs: 10:30 am - 11:30 am





Must be registered through CYS Parent Central to enroll.
Enrollment can be done at all CYS locations or on Webtrac once registration is active.
For more information call 913-684-7525 or 7526

FUN SHOOT

Brunner Range
1st Saturday of the Month

Jan 3 - Dec 5 2026
Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6, Jul 4 or 11,
Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7,

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

Rental guns and shells are available or bring your own.

Prizes and awards distributed at the end of each shoot.

Info: (913) 651-8132
701 Sheridan Drive



Brunner Range
ASTRO CLAYS

Looking for a new and unique range experience? Introducing Astro Clays! Shoot under the stars! Special UV black lights turn the clays into glowing targets that are fun for every skill level!

\$25 for 50 clays

- Jan 17 at 1800
- Feb 28 at 1830
- Mar 21 at 2000
- Apr 11 at 2000
- Sep 26 at 2000
- Oct 10 at 1900
- Nov 21 at 1800
- Dec 19 at 1800

Brunner Range
701 Sheridan Dr
Ft. Leavenworth, KS
Call for more info: 913-651-8132
Leavenworth.armymwr.com



LET'S PLAY!

2026
ADULT SPORTS
Doubles Pickleball League

Player's Meeting
Wednesday
Oct 21
5:30pm @ Gruber Fitness Center
Registration due by COB Wednesday Oct 28

Harney Sports Complex
New to Pickleball?
That's okay! This fast growing sport is described as a hybrid of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. It's played on a badminton sized court with a net, hard paddles and perforated plastic balls. There may be less running than tennis, but don't let that fool you! Players can burn serious calories during just 30 minutes of play!

Games
Mondays & Wednesday
5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm
Harney Sports Complex

League play starts Wednesday Nov 4 - TBD
League awards are given for regular season champions, tournament runner-ups, and tournament champions.

Open to Active Duty, DOD Civilians, Retirees, Dependents, and Contractors working on Fort Leavenworth that are 18+
Call 913-684-3224/ 5136 for more information

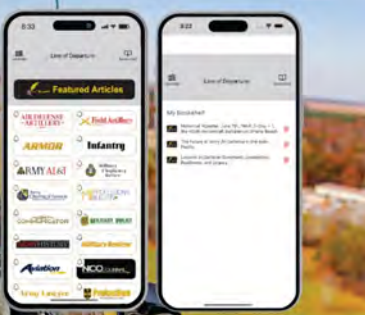


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FORT LEAVENWORTH
SUNDAY CHAPEL SERVICE & MINISTRIES

VBS, 4-6 August!
Sign up at Frontier Chapel

0830	CROSSROADS PROTESTANT TRADITIONAL BIBLICAL SERMON SERIES, HYMNS, CHOIR, CGSC MINISTRY, CHILDREN'S CHURCH, SUNDAY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AFTER CHAPEL	PIONEER CHAPEL 500 POPE AVE
0900	CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & MASS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CONFESSION, ADORATION, DAILY MASS (AUG-MAY) @ PIONEER CHAPEL (TUES-FRI, 1200), CWOC, KofC	FRONTIER CHAPEL 625 THOMAS AVE
0930	MEMORIAL HISTORIC FAMILY WORSHIP WITH HISTORIC CHRISTIAN LITURGY "TO KNOW HIM, AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"	MEMORIAL CHAPEL 626 SCOTT AVE
1000	MULTICULTURAL GOSPEL VIBRANT WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDIES, DANCE, YOUTH, CHILDREN'S CHURCH MISSIONALLY INVESTED	PIONEER CHAPEL 500 POPE AVE
1100	CROSSROADS PROTESTANT CONTEMPORARY BIBLICAL SERMON SERIES, MUSIC MINISTRY, COMMUNITY INVESTED, CHILDREN'S CHURCH, SUNDAY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES BEFORE CHAPEL	FRONTIER CHAPEL 625 THOMAS AVE
VARIOUS	JEWISH MEETS FOR SABBATH WORSHIP, LUNCH-AND-LEARN CLASSES, AND SIGNIFICANT HOLY DAYS	MEMORIAL CHAPEL 625 THOMAS AVE

Fort Leavenworth Chapel's vibrant ministries: PWOC, CWOC, Men of the Chapel, High School/Junior High Student Ministry, CRU Barracks Dinner and Study, Navigators, Officer Christian Fellowship (OCF) Home Groups, Holy Smokes, Discipleship Breakfast!

HELP AVAILABLE TO LOCATE YOUR RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE
CONTACT OUR MAIN OFFICE AT FRONTIER CHAPEL: 913-684-2210
FAMILY LIFE COUNSELING CHAPLAIN: 913-680-7336 @ PIONEER CHAPEL OFFICE
EMERGENCY ON-CALL DUTY CHAPLAIN: 913-683-2158



FORT LEAVENWORTH
PWOC
PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

Register Online for the 2026-2027 year



stay tuned
Fall Bible Studies
coming soon!



CROSSROADS WEEKLY MINISTRIES
Bring In, Build Up, Send Out
As of: 15 July 2026



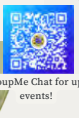
SUNDAY		
0830-0930	CROSSROADS PROTESTANT TRADITIONAL SERVICE BIBLICAL SERMON SERIES, HYMNS, CHOIR, CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Pre-K-5th)	PIONEER CHAPEL FRONTIER CLASSROOMS
0945-1045	SUNDAY SCHOOLS CHILDREN: Pre-K-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, 7th-8th, HS ADULT: MULTIPLE VOLUNTEER LED BIBLE STUDIES	PIONEER CLASSROOMS FRONTIER CLASSROOMS
1100-1200	CROSSROADS PROTESTANT CONTEMPORARY SERVICE BIBLICAL SERMON SERIES, PRAISE BAND, CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Pre-K-5th)	FRONTIER CHAPEL
1215-1345	CROSSROADS *MONTHLY* FELLOWSHIP MEAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTER COMMUNION SUNDAYS	FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP HALL
MONDAY		
1800-1930	CAMPUS LIFE MILITARY (YOUTH GROUP) TEENAGE (6th - 12th Grades) BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP	HARROLD YOUTH CENTER
TUESDAY		
0600-0730	OCF DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING BREAKFAST DISCIPLESHIP IN THE PROFESSION OF ARMS, BREAKFAST	PIONEER FELLOWSHIP HALL
0830-1100	PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL COORDINATION AND FELLOWSHIP	FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP HALL
1800-1900	PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL BIBLE STUDY	FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY		
0900-1130	PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP	FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP HALL
1730-1900	FAMILY NIGHT AND FELLOWSHIP (START: 2 SEP) DINNER, FAMILY DEVOTIONAL, BREAKOUT GROUP STUDIES	FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP HALL
THURSDAY		
0600-0730	MEN OF THE CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY	FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP HALL
VARIOUS DAYS & TIMES	WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE STUDIES VOLUNTEER LED BIBLE STUDIES AT HOMES	VARIOUS ON AND OFF-POST HOMES



CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

Kickoff 27 August, 2026

JOIN US FOR THE
2026-2027 SEASON!!



General Meetings:
Thursdays, 0845-1045
Pioneer Chapel Fellowship Hall
cwocfortleavenworth@gmail.com

Join our GroupMe Chat for updates and events!

Chaplain Family Life Center

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(Individual, Couple, & Family)

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



To book an appointment scan here:





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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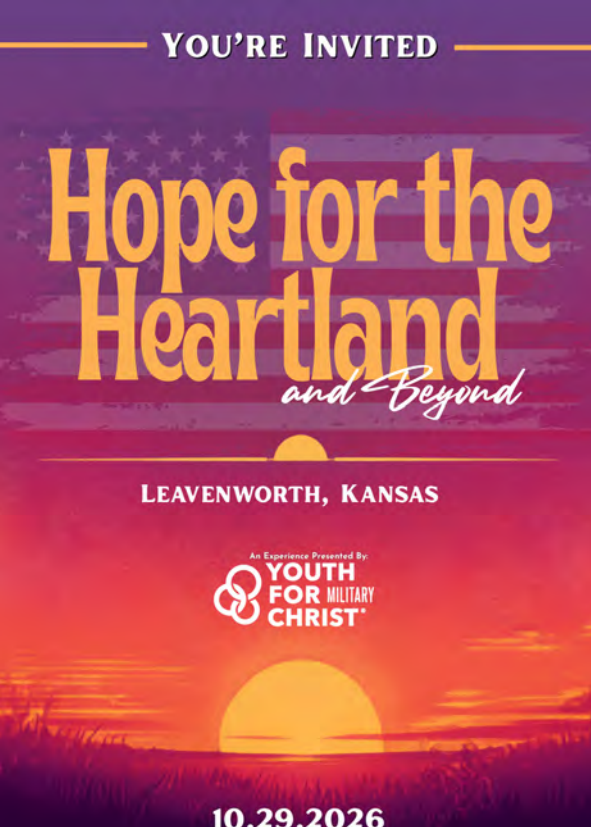
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YOUTH FOR MILITARY CHRIST

There are approximately 570,000 military-connected youth around the globe. 3,000 of them are here in The Heartland: Leavenworth, Kansas. They are one of the most overlooked and unseen groups of teenagers in the world.

We want to make them SEEN and HEARD.

Hope for the Heartland and Beyond is a powerful event supporting Youth For Christ Military and our mission to reach military-connected youth with the hope of Christ. This special evening will feature inspiring stories from military BRATs, a meaningful program, and an opportunity to be part of the story God is writing in the lives of these young people.

You are invited to join us to honor their sacrifice for our country as we bring
HOPE FOR THE HEARTLAND AND BEYOND.

There is limited seating at this event, so please register as soon as possible with the QR CODE below to reserve your seat.

Dinner and dessert will be served at no cost.

DATE	29 October 2026
TIME	6:30pm-8:00pm Doors open at 6:00pm
VENUE	Riverfront Community Center
ADDRESS	123 S Esplanade St. Leavenworth, KS 66048



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Hope for the Heartland
and Beyond

MUNSON NOTES

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■ The **EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S OFFICE** is now located on the first floor of Munson Army Health Center, across from the patient advocate's office. Walk-in hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The coordinator can be reached at usarmy.leavenworth.medcom-mahc.mbx.efmp@health.mil. Patients should continue to **schedule medical appointments with Primary Care** providers for their EFMP enrollments and physicals through the MAHC Appointment Line at 913-684-6250.

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

■ 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. 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.



Munson Army Health Center is hiring for the following Defense Health Agency career positions:

Facility Operations Specialist
<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/887127700>

Electronics Technician (Biomedical)
<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/886854800>

Physician Assistant
<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/887417200>

Dental Assistant
<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/874391700>

Clinical Psychologist
<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/874369900>

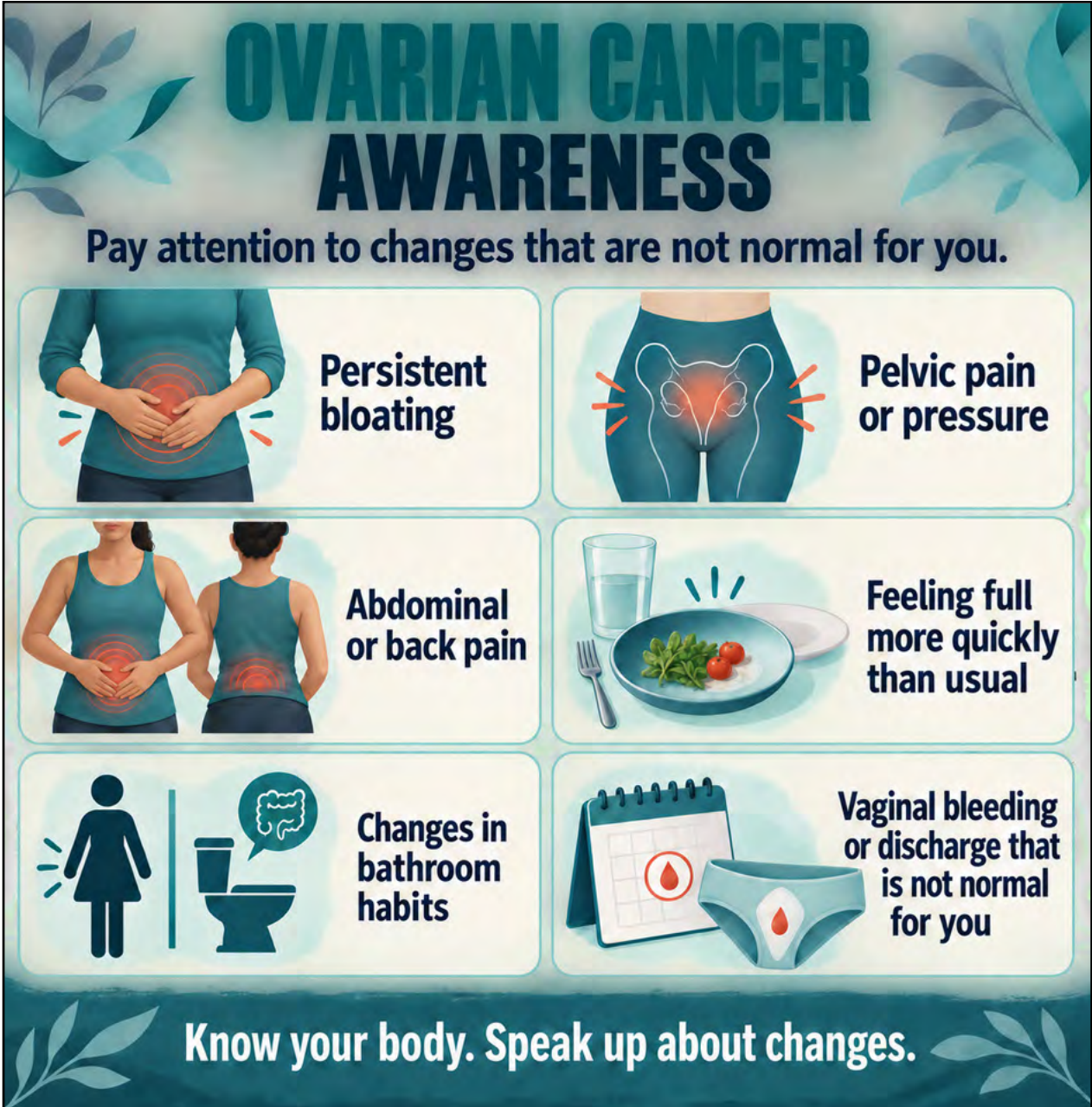
These are direct hire solicitations.

Click on the link or visit [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov) and search keyword "Military Treatment Facilities under DHA", and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for location to learn more about career opportunities at MAHC.



Effective Oct. 1, 2026, the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Services no longer accepts orders (written, printed or electronic) from outside providers. Laboratory tests, when ordered by an outside provider as part of a TRI-CARE referral, are included and embedded with the referral to ensure the order receives proper result routing, coding, billing and follow up. When outside orders are performed at Munson Army Health Center, the provider might not access the results quickly as they do not have access to MHS GENESIS. This results in a delay of care. An additional safety concern is that any critical values (defined as a

result that needs immediate medical attention) cannot be appropriately acted upon due to the lack of connection between the outside provider and MHS GENESIS. Due to these concerns, the Laboratory at MAHC is no longer processing outside orders. Patients who see a doctor outside of a military treatment facility will need to have lab work done at their recommended facility. Major health systems typically use their own internal labs. Independent doctor's offices usually send patients to commercial labs, so it is important to ask your specialty provider which lab they use.



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no reliable routine screening test for ovarian cancer in women without symptoms — and a Pap test does not screen for ovarian cancer. That makes awareness especially important. Pay attention to changes such as persistent bloating, pelvic pain or pressure, abdominal or back pain, feeling full more quickly than usual, changes in bathroom habits, vaginal bleeding or discharge that is not normal for you. These symptoms can have many causes, but the CDC recommends talking with your health care provider if a change is unusual for you, persists or worsens. Be sure to also share any family history of ovarian, breast, uterine or colorectal cancer. Know your body. Know your family history. Speak up about changes. Learn more at <https://www.cdc.gov/ovarian-cancer/>.