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German Advent service, Christkindlmarkt celebrate season, community friendships



Photos by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office

German Liaison Officer Col. Achim Hesse, German Military Chaplain (Militärpfarrer) Marvin Döbler and German Col. Christoph Kohlmann, School of Advanced Military Studies seminar leader, pray together, alternating between German and English, during the bilingual Advent service Dec. 10 at Memorial Chapel.

by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office

Fort Leavenworth's German military community hosted a bilingual Advent service filled with traditional German hymns Dec. 10 in Memorial Chapel.

German Military Chaplain (Militärpfarrer) Marvin Döbler performed the service with help from Military Chaplain Assistant (Militärseelsorgeassistentin) Ute Schenk, who were guests from the German Evangelical Military Chaplaincy based at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Hymns sung during the service included "Lift Up Your

Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (Macht hoch die Tür); "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Herbei, o ihr Gläub'gen); and "Silent Night" (Stille Nacht), and were sung in alternating verses of German and English.

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RIGHT: Michelle Taylor plays "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Herbei, o ihr Gläub'gen) on the organ for a bilingual rendition during the German Advent service (Adventsgottesdienst) Dec. 10 in Memorial Chapel.



SAMC inducts 2 NCOs

by Prudence Siebert/Editor

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club inducted two new members during a ceremony Dec. 11 in Grant Auditorium.

Sgt. Jessica Gonzalez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility Battalion (Corrections), and Sgt. Janelis Otero, HHC, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks Battalion (Corrections), are the latest to earn membership into the NCO service organization.

Guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dodds, USDB Battalion operations sergeant major and senior enlisted advisor to SAMC, said gaining membership into the prestigious club is no small feat.

"It took me three times to get inducted into the club," he told the full auditorium before his formal remarks. "I got inducted back in 2013 on my third attempt, and it was because I had great NCOs that inspired me when I didn't make it my first time and I didn't make it my second time to keep pushing through."

He encouraged anyone who is currently an NCO or wants to be an NCO to volunteer with SAMC and aspire to be a member.

Dodds said SAMC's high standards are inspired



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Sergeant Audie Murphy Club induction ceremony guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dodds, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks Battalion (Corrections) operations sergeant major and senior enlisted advisor to SAMC, and ceremony narrator Staff Sgt. Quinlan Simpson, SAMC vice president, applaud SAMC inductees Sgt. Jessica Gonzalez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility Battalion (Corrections), and Sgt. Janelis Otero, HHC, USDB Battalion, during a ceremony Dec. 11 in Grant Auditorium.

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AT A GLANCE

■ The **NEXT ISSUE** of the **FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP** will publish on Jan. 8, 2026. Happy holidays!

■ The **HOLIDAY RESILIENCE RODEO**, promoting awareness and discussions regarding mental health, family advocacy and SHARP services, is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 18 (today) at the Post Exchange.

■ Visit <https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/happenings/mwr-2025-holiday-hours> for **HOLIDAY HOURS** for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities and activities.

■ Harney Fitness Center will have **REROUTED ACCESS TO THE EAST AND WEST GYMS** as renovations continue through Dec. 23.

■ The **FORT LEAVENWORTH DINING FACILITY WILL PERMANENTLY CLOSE** after the dinner meal on Dec. 31.

■ The **FIREARMS DEER HUNTING SEASON** is underway on post in designated hunting areas. Wear hunter orange in hunting areas. Remaining deer firearms dates for Fort Leavenworth are Jan. 1-18.

■ Fort Leavenworth Thrift Shop **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS** are now available from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1025 Sheridan Drive. Applications are due by Feb. 24, 2026, and funds will be available in April. Call 913-651-6768 for more information.

■ Scholarship applications are available at the Army Education Center for the **JOHN W. POILLON SCHOLARSHIP**, which is open to high school seniors who are dependents of U.S. service members currently or within the past two years assigned to Fort Leavenworth or dependents of civilians employed at Fort Leavenworth. Application deadline is March 10, 2026.

Garrison Command Team sends holiday safety message

by Fort Leavenworth Garrison Commander Col. Todd Sunday and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks

As we embrace the 2025 holiday season, it's important to celebrate the spirit of friendship and family that unites us. As you gather with loved ones to enjoy the festivities, we encourage you to reflect on this year's blessings for yourself, your family and your teammates. The holiday season offers opportunities to travel and celebrate with family and friends.

However, be mindful of the additional risks associated with icy roads, adverse weather conditions and the challenges of long-distance travel. To ensure a safe trip, please prepare adequately and allow yourself and your family plenty of time to arrive at your destination. Highlight safe practices at home and make fire prevention a priority this holiday season. Everyone should test their smoke alarm and rehearse emergency evacuation plans. Be mindful that candles are twice as likely to cause a residential fire in De-

cember compared to any other month. To avoid tragedy, ensure the candles and other holiday decorations, such as Christmas tree lights, do not pose a fire hazard. The command team would like to express our gratitude to each of you for your hard work throughout the year. The mission you carry out directly supports and contributes to the success of the soldiers and families at Fort Leavenworth. Best wishes to your families and you for a safe and happy holiday season!



Interment ceremony for retired Lt. Gen. James, Linda Riley scheduled for January



Fort Leavenworth Lamp file photo by Prudence Siebert

Lt. Gen. James Riley, Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth commanding general, and his wife, Linda, receive guests in Bell Hall following the CAC change of command ceremony July 26, 2001.



Fort Leavenworth Lamp file photos by Prudence Siebert

Gen. Kevin Byrnes, Training and Doctrine Command commander, right, applauds Lt. Gen. James Riley, outgoing commander, and Linda Riley at the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth relinquishment of command and retirement ceremony for the Rileys June 26, 2003, at Abrams Loop.

At the Single Soldier Quarters dedication ceremony May 30, 2003, Reola Ivory and Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Commander Lt. Gen. James Riley unveil a plaque honoring Ivory's son Sgt. Maj. Lacey Ivory, who was killed at the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001, and after whom one of the wings in the barracks is named.



Submitted by the family of retired Lt. Gen. James and Linda Riley

Retired Lt. Gen. James (Jim) Clifford Riley was born Nov. 13, 1946, in Montebello, California, and passed away in Marana, Arizona, Feb. 25, 2024. His loving wife of 52 years, Linda Jean (Axtater) Riley, was born July 10, 1948, in Stockton, California, and passed away in Marana, Arizona, Dec. 2, 2019. Jim and Linda lived a life of faith, service and honor. Jim began his active-duty military career Dec. 15, 1965, and retired July 30, 2003. Two years after his retirement, he became vice president for Land Warfare Systems, Raytheon Missile Systems. Jim served 38 years in the Army — one year enlisted and 37 years as an officer. He was an incredible soldier who rose from the rank of private to three-star general. He retired as commanding general of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth. Jim was awarded 17 medals and decorations for service and valor, including the Defense Distinguished



Fort Leavenworth Lamp file photo by Prudence Siebert

Fort Leavenworth and Combined Arms Center Commander Lt. Gen. James Riley pins the Army Achievement Medal onto Cpl. Gregory Kilgore of the 275th Military Police Company during a departure and awards ceremony for the National Guard soldiers Sept. 17, 2002, on Main Parade. The soldiers served as gate guards for the previously open post in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and increased force protection measures.

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Jim and Linda Riley's interment ceremony will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 21, 2026, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

The family will be hosting a reception the evening before on Jan. 20, 2026.

Contact Riley's niece, Jill Jelinek Cleveland, at 760-420-4833 if interested in attending.

Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Jim proudly displayed his Combat Infantryman, Airborne and Joint Chiefs of Staff identification badges. Jim and Linda were stationed overseas nine times. Jim spent 15 years overseas, with more than 11 years in Germany, two in Saudi Arabia and two in combat in Vietnam and

Iraq. Linda moved with him 23 times and created a beautiful place to come home to. Linda supported the women and families at each installation where they were stationed, hosting and serving as the needs arose. Jim commanded soldiers from platoon through corps assignments. Jim was a phenomenal soldier, strategist and trainer.

Jim trained and prepared hundreds of thousands of soldiers for war, deployed with them and brought them home. In summary: They loved the Lord. They were devoted to each other. They loved his soldiers and their families. They loved our country. They loved their family, friends, golf partners and his hunting dogs. Jim and Linda's legacy live on in the soldiers and their families whom they nurtured, trained and cared for. God bless America. Thank you, Lord, for giving them to us.

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Soldiers, families, civilians find

by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer

Ugly sweaters don't cure stress, and volunteering doesn't erase life's challenges. But together, such moments of light-hearted fun and meaningful service can make a difference in how we feel, how we cope and how connected we are to one another, especially during the holiday season.

"This time of year carries a mix of emotions. While some celebrate, others feel the weight of distance from loved ones, increased responsibilities or quiet loneliness," said Chaplain (Maj.) Christopher Weinrich,

Garrison plans/operations chaplain. "Getting out, getting involved (and) showing up can make a positive difference."

Weinrich, who received formal training through the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Family Life Training, said that research and lived experience show that connection, purpose and joy are essential to maintaining positive mental health.

Small traditions, big impact

Participating in simple holiday activities like wearing an ugly holiday sweater to work, decorating your office door or sharing a laugh can have a real effect on our state of mind.

"It lifts our spirits and builds community. Everybody likes to see one another, and there are smiles and laughter," Weinrich said. "These fun moments create happiness, spark conversation and give our brains a break from stress."

When those moments are shared with others, their impact multiplies. Feeling part of a group, whether through a sweater contest or a shared mission reinforces belonging.

Service that feeds the soul

That sense of connection was on full display when leaders from units across the installation came together at the Fort Leavenworth Commissary to assemble 128 food baskets for community members Dec. 16. The event was coordinated by Weinrich and Commissary Manager Anthony Gardner.

"It's a great experience and a great opportunity to give back to our soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Shipway, detachment sergeant for the Law Enforcement Activity, Combined Arms Command, who helped sort and distribute food items with other volunteers from CAC, Munson Army Health Center, the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks Battalion (Corrections), the Fort

Leavenworth Spouses' Club and other local organizations. "Anytime you get the chance to help during the holiday season, at least for me, it truly means a lot."

Every basket assembled represented more than a holiday meal — it represented neighbors supporting neighbors, and leaders leading by example.

"We were loading the bags to help the ministry team. The chapel provided the hams, while the remaining food items were purchased using funds donated by the community," said Col. Jolanda L.J. Walker, director of Munson Army Health Center.

"It is especially meaningful to us. We have all had challenges this past year, and to be able to do things like this and have a positive impact are things we enjoy about being part of the Fort Leavenworth community."

Remembering, respecting sacrifices

A few days earlier, Walker and other service members braved the cold to participate in Wreaths Across America Dec. 13 at the Leavenworth National Cemetery to honor fallen service members and to ensure their names and sacrifices are

never forgotten.

"Speaking a service member's name and placing a wreath is an act of remembrance and respect," said Walker, who served as the master of ceremonies at the wreath-laying ceremony. "It grounds us and reminds us why community matters."

Good for mental health

Volunteering offers proven mental health benefits. Helping others can reduce stress, increase feelings of purpose and combat isolation. Acts of service shift focus outward, reminding us that we can make a positive impact — even during busy or challenging seasons.

For service members, families and civilians alike, these shared experiences strengthen community bonds and reinforce resilience — even if it is something as simple as wearing those ugly sweaters to the office with your fellow team members, reminding us all that we don't have to carry the season alone.

An invitation to get involved

Weinrich said that you don't have to do something big to make a difference.

JOY through service, shared traditions



Photo by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

Army Corrections Brigade Chaplain (Capt.) Josue Hernandez Romero and Army Corrections Brigade Commander Col. Douglas Curtis assemble food baskets with other volunteers Dec. 16 at the Fort Leavenworth Commissary. Volunteering offers proven mental health benefits. Helping others can reduce stress, increase feelings of purpose and combat isolation.

"Continue to check in with one another, lend a hand, pay it forward. Say yes to the opportunity to serve and build community and care for one another," he said.

Whether it is assembling food baskets, honoring those who came before us, or simply bringing a little joy into the workplace, participation matters for those re-

ceiving help and for those giving it.

Weinrich said this holiday season, consider joining a community event, volunteering your time or embracing the small traditions that bring people together. Supporting others just might be one of the best gifts you give your own mental well-being.



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ABOVE: Volunteers from the Fort Leavenworth community, clockwise from left, Pete Grande, Col. Douglas Curtis, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eric Bryan, Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Shipway and Chaplain (Capt.) Josue Hernandez Romero work together to fill holiday food baskets, for distribution through the Fort Leavenworth Religious Support Office, Dec. 16 at the Fort Leavenworth Commissary. Garrison Plans/Operations Chaplain (Maj.) Christopher Weinrich said that participating in service, like assembling food baskets, has a way of lifting both the giver and the receiver.

LEFT: Volunteers from the Fort Leavenworth Sergeant Audie Murphy Club present the colors while service members serving as wreath bearers from the Command and General Staff College and U.S. Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center, Topeka, Kansas, salute during the Wreaths Across America ceremony Dec. 13 at the Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas. Volunteering offers proven mental health benefits, shifts focus outward and reminds us that we can make a positive impact even during busy or challenging seasons.

Kudos at Garrison Town Hall

RIGHT: Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks and Garrison Commander Col. Todd Sunday present time-in-service awards to Jacob McGregor (20 years), Billy Summers (20 years), Michael Boulanger (30 years), Neil Bass (30 years), Michael Fuller (35 years) and Michael Lay (45 years) during the Garrison Town Hall Dec. 11 at the Frontier Conference Center.

BELOW: Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks and Garrison Commander Col. Todd Sunday recognize employees Carl Tillery, Syeeda Echols, Reagan Sawyer, April Rogers, Christopher Walker, Brandon Pontbriant and Rene Douglas for their contributions with commander's coins during the Garrison Town Hall Dec. 11 at the Frontier Conference Center.

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by the club's eponym, Lt. Audie Murphy, who enlisted to serve in World War II and is the highest decorated soldier in U.S. history,

"A warrior who earned the Medal of Honor for acts of courage on the battlefield and a leader, even after the battle was done, (Murphy) continued to serve his fellow veterans, community, with humility and strength," Dodds said. "But what makes the club special is not simply the memory of past heroes, it's the idea that greatness in the noncommissioned officer profession lives on — and that greatness is not defined by rank or prestige, but by action."

During their candidacy, the inductees volunteered more than 30 hours in the Fort Leavenworth and Leavenworth communities, assisting with SAMC study sessions, helping maintain the Veterans Affairs hiking trail, visiting the VA domiciliary, participating in Leavenworth High School Junior ROTC events, and helping distribute food and hygiene items to local families.

Dodds said Gonzalez and Otero — both natives of Puerto Rico who joined the Army Corrections Brigade fresh from basic training and advanced individual training, and who have earned their stripes in ACB's correctional facilities — lead from the front.

"These NCOs are standing here today because they have demonstrated what right looks like. They work tirelessly to study, recite, learn new information and regulations, inspire, push further, achieve more, and do all of it while believing in themselves. They have placed the needs of others above themselves, not because they were required to, but because it was right," he said. "They have embraced the mantle of responsibility that comes with the stripes on their uniform, and they've done so with pride and discipline..."

These sergeants have endured a rigorous assessment that tested their knowledge on various military regulations, their leadership in various scenarios — how they would react, and their commitment to soldiers in their care, all while adhering to the Army values."

Dodds said the inductees also wrote essays on methods to improve the military, and they defended their decisions to a board and shared experiences to prove they embody the SAMC ideals.

He called their induction a milestone in their careers, not a finish line.

"Wearing the medallion is not a symbol that you have arrived, it's a reminder that the work must continue. The expectation placed on you from this point forward will only grow," Dodds said. "Soldiers will look to you as a symbol of what noncommissioned officers should be, know and do. They will expect fairness, competence, discipline, and your heart. Today, you accept not just this honor, but the responsibility. Our Army depends on NCOs to uphold readiness, discipline and trust within the formations."

Dodds charged them with instilling the Army ethic in every soldier they encounter; guiding daily operations with clarity, discipline and competence; training soldiers not only in their occupational specialty, but also soldiering basics; demanding excellence in fitness, appearance and professionalism; and teaching the heritage, custom and traditions of the Army. He also charged them with caring deeply for the welfare of their soldiers and families; preparing their soldiers for the mission; safeguarding the equipment and tools they rely on



Sgt. Janelis Otero, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U. S. Disciplinary Barracks Battalion (Corrections), LEFT, is congratulated by guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dodds, USDB Battalion operations sergeant major and senior enlisted advisor to SAMC, and Sgt. Jessica Gonzalez, HHC, Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility Battalion (Corrections), BELOW, recites the NCO Creed with fellow NCOs during their Sergeant Audie Murphy Club induction ceremony Dec. 11 in Grant Auditorium.

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to do their jobs to fight, win and survive; and developing their soldiers to become the leaders that they ought to be.

"You do this with your mentorship, your guidance, and your patience, and you do all of these things with... courage, candor, competence, commitment and compassion."

Dodds thanked all of the NCOs who helped Gonzalez and Otero obtain the SAMC recognition, reminding them that no one succeeds by themselves. He told the latest inductees to wear their medallions with pride.

"As we look to the future of the Army and the challenges we face, the threats we will deter and the missions we must execute, it will be sergeants like you who ensure our formations are ready and trained. You must build cohesive teams. You must train the next generation to become sergeants. You are the backbone of the greatest NCO Corps in the world — don't forget that."





Photo by Pfc. Wilfred Salters Jr./Combined Arms Center Public Affairs

Members of the military present arms during the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony Dec. 13 at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. The military members represented each branch of the armed services as they laid wreaths during the ceremony.

Community salutes fallen service members during annual Wreaths Across America tradition



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ABOVE: The Leavenworth High School Junior ROTC Color Guard presents the colors during the Wreaths Across America ceremony Dec. 13 at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery.

RIGHT: Fort Leavenworth Garrison Commander Col. Todd Sunday salutes after placing a wreath during the Wreaths Across America ceremony Dec. 13 at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. The ceremony was conducted in remembrance of fallen U.S. service members, as well as to honor those who serve while teaching children the value of freedom.



LEFT: Volunteers place wreaths at the gravesites of fallen soldiers during the Wreaths Across America event Dec. 13 at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery.

BELOW: Headstones are adorned for the holidays as volunteers distribute wreaths through sections of the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery Dec. 13.

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Hounds

for the holidays

Fort Leavenworth Hunt invites members, community to foxhound kennels for afternoon of affection, education

by Prudence Siebert/Editor

The Fort Leavenworth Hunt foxhounds were treated to a special day this holiday season, with extra treats and attention from FLH members and community visitors during the Hounds for the Holidays event Dec. 7 at the FLH kennels on post.

“Some of our members only see (the hounds) when we’re hunting, and they don’t spend time in the kennels, so this was a great opportunity to bring more of our members down here so they could see the hounds,” said FLH member Lt. Col. Jessamyn Jempson, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate. “If folks want something cheerful to do during the holidays, they (could) come visit and snuggle with our hounds.”

Visitors could learn about the club and its foxhounds — including how the hounds are cared for, trends in local breeding strategies, and that the hounds are actually government property — with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation kennel staff and FLH members on hand to answer questions and tell them more about individual hounds. As gifts of dog treats and cleaning supplies appeared around a Christmas tree during the party, staff noted that the needs of the hounds are taken care of through club dues and contributions by FLH members.

Love of equestrian sport and service

Fort Leavenworth boasts the only remaining military foxhunting club, something that used to be a common pastime on Army posts. Jempson said she was doubly excited when she was selected to attend

the Command and General Staff College so that she could participate in the hunt in 2017, and after five years elsewhere, she sought out an assignment that would bring her back to Fort Leavenworth, and thus FLH.

“A lot of Army posts had foxhunting clubs back in the day, and over time they’ve gone away, so the Fort Leavenworth Hunt club is the last one in existence,” Jempson said. “(That is) really unique, and Fort Leavenworth is really fortunate.”

The FLH hunting season runs October through March, with hounds going on hunts about twice each week with the club’s horseback riders in rural Easton, Winchester and Leavenworth. They also attend other clubs’ hunts in the Flint Hills and Kansas City areas.

“(The hounds) get to hunt wide, large sections of property. These hounds are trained to hunt fox and coyote — they’re trained specifically on that scent,” Jempson said, noting that the “hunt” is all about the chase and the pursued foxes and coyotes are not killed.

Riders of varying experience are able to join in the thrill of the hunt.

“Our membership is varied, meaning we’ve got lots of different riders with different backgrounds and skill sets, and some are brand new to foxhunting and others have been foxhunting for decades,” Jempson said. “Our club really tries to cater to meet riders where they are, so we typically have four fields, four groups of riders: we’ve got a walk-trot group, a hill-topper group, and a first and second field.”

The riders in the first and second fields jump obstacles as they follow the hounds, whereas the hill-topper and walk-trot groups do not. Lead riders are not be passed by other riders.

Hunt tradition can be said to parallel military culture, with its unique terminology, hierarchy and role assignments— for example, “masters of the hunt,” “whippers-in,” etc. — as well as protocols and standards to follow.

“Horseback riding, especially at speed, especially over varied terrain, is pretty dangerous. A lot like battle, right? You can get hurt pretty easily,” Jempson said. “A lot of these rules and the protocols that we have are to increase the safety of the sport and to make sure that there is order when we have

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ABOVE: Fort Leavenworth Hunt foxhounds Easton, Drop Zone and General lounge in their kennel during the Hounds for the Holidays FLH kennels open house event Dec. 7 on post.

RIGHT: Kennel staff Jessica Kudzia and Ruth Hensleigh talk with Fort Leavenworth Hunt members Verona Chaffin, a veterinarian, and Teresa Griffith, a master of the hunt and huntsman, while they check 3-year-old foxhound Hustle for possible pregnancy and kennel-mates Impact, Huntress and Ivy mill around them, during the FLH Hounds for the Holidays event Dec. 7 at the FLH kennels.

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“Kennelman” Ruth Hensleigh loves on foxhound Drop Zone in his kennel while talking with Fort Leavenworth Hunt member Lt. Col. Jessamyn Jempson, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, holding her 3-year-old son James Buchanan, during the FLH Hounds for the Holidays event Dec. 7 at the FLH kennels.

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almost chaos, so we have members who have leadership roles... Our members will wear different colored coats as a visual aid to help people understand who the staff members are at a distance. Or if something goes wrong, you can look for a red coat and ask for help from that person, and they can either get onto a radio or get you what you need.”

The riders follow the hounds, who get excited when they pick up the scent of a coyote or fox and take off after it.

Foxhound demographics
The FLH currently has 17 male and female hounds — which are counted in couples, so currently, eight and a half couple. The pack includes champion foxhound Drop Zone, who was named Grand Champion Hound of the Show in 2022 at the Central States Hound Show.

“Some of these hounds have been bred here at Fort Leavenworth, and others are trades from other hunts, (and) sometimes we have our Fort Leavenworth hounds will actually go out to other hunts — the clubs will do that to improve their breeding profiles,” Jempson explained. “Depending on where that particular hound’s strengths are, they might be better suited for other clubs, depending on if other clubs have a deficiency in their pack somewhere that we can help fill, then we can do trades that way... If we’re looking for a certain characteristic that we may not have, we’ll ask other clubs that are known for that characteristic, if they have somebody who would be willing to trade.”

Jempson said one of the traits the FLH breeding focused on was larger hounds that could cover greater distances at greater speeds, and recently the focus is shifting to smaller hounds, which can be a reflection of what type of terrain the club will be hunting.

FMWR kennel staff Ruth Hensleigh and Jessica Kudzia — referred to as kennelmen — said the FLH foxhounds are referred to as crossbred, a combination of American foxhound, English foxhound with some regional subjects, like the Penn-Marydel (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware) foxhound, as well. Hensleigh said the local pack is bred for type and shape rather than by a certain foxhound designation. She pointed out a couple of somewhat sleeker hounds, Easton and Egypt, who have some Penn-Marydel lineage.

“You look at him, he’s a little bit taller, lighter, leaner. We wanted to see how that hound hunted our country, and if we liked it, then we could breed him,” Hensleigh said. “We do really like them, but we decided we liked a little bit heavier, more square hounds, because we have quite a bit of hilly terrain, and we needed more power and less speed.”

Hensleigh explained that, as Jempson mentioned, the club has primarily large hounds and would like to breed for slightly smaller hounds, citing terrain the club hunts but also longevity as reasons.

“A 65- or 75-pound hound will often hunt longer than a 100-pound hound, just wear and tear... and we want our hounds to be able to go a little bit longer before retirement,” she said.”

When the hounds do retire from hunting at about 6 or 7 years old, they are adopted, sometimes by FLH members like Jempson. Her family recently adopted 7-year-old retired foxhounds Colleen and Chinook.

Having hounds as part of the family might help explain why her son, 3-year-old James Buchanan, was so at ease with the FLH pack, crawling through their kennels during the open house and giving them hugs as he passed them.

Kudzia, who has been working at the FLH kennels for three years and has prior experience in shelter work preparing animals for adoption, said the hounds’ amicability is in part due to handling but also because of their breeding. She



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Fort Leavenworth Hunt member Lt. Col. Jessamyn Jempson, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, walks with “kennel-man” Ruth Hensleigh as she carries resident kennel cat Pete during the FLH Hounds for the Holidays event Dec. 7 at the FLH kennels on McPherson Avenue.

and Hensleigh, who has K-9 working dog experience, have intentionally been working with the hounds for them to make them easy for anyone to work with — or for anyone to help, if they were to get hurt in the field, for example — not to mention help ensure the daily kennel schedule runs smoothly.

Hensleigh said the pack consistently gets three hours of hands-on training every day, as well as desensitizing, by handling their faces, ears and feet. Each hound is checked over, from “nose to tip of tail” every day, and good manners are expected as they are moved around for feeding, training, loaded into trailers, taken on hikes and more.

“We try to keep the human touch. We don’t want them to be like cattle, we don’t want to just open a gate and push them through. We want it to be they understand that a door means wait, to come to their name... and to have manners,” Hensleigh said.

That combination of handling, training and breeding have combined to create a pack of friendly hounds.

“We don’t want aloof hounds; we want friendly hounds,” she said. “We understand, that the way the sport is, we have to be able to put a good face forward.”

Hensleigh said the hounds are also good with other dogs, even at times enjoying walks and playtime with pet dogs, and she described them as cat-neutral. Resident kennel cat Pete, a former stray from the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, walked among the kennels throughout the open house, and the hounds paid no attention to him.

FLH staff member Nick Redman, a “whipper-in” who works with the dogs to keep them from straying during a hunt, described the hounds as incredibly biddable, willing to listen. Recently the dogs started training, and excelling,



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Fort Leavenworth Hunt member Lt. Col. Jessamyn Jempson's 3-year-old son James Buchanan plays with FLH foxhound General during the FLH Hounds for the Holidays event Dec. 7 at the FLH kennels.

on a new skill, pre-laid scent work, which allows for a guaranteed course instead of leaving it to chance that the hounds will find live game.

“We’ve had a really exciting summer where we just kind of had to really go back to the basics with the hounds and kind of re-school them on what the huntsman wants from the hounds when we go out,” Jempson said. “It’s been really fun, and it’s been very rewarding. The hounds have just really taken to the new job very well, and they’re learning to be really excited about pre-laid scent instead of the live scent.”

To learn more about the Fort Leavenworth Hunt, including the free introductory foxhunting lessons offered in September, and to stay apprised of upcoming 100th anniversary events in 2026, visit <https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/programs/fort-leavenworth-hunt> or e-mail info@ftleavenworthhunt.org.

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German Christmas service (continued from Page A1)



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LEFT and ABOVE: German Military Chaplain (Militärpfarrer) Marvin Döbler leads the bilingual Advent service Dec. 10 in Memorial Chapel. Döbler, and Military Chaplain Assistant (Militärseelsorgeassistentin) Ute Schenk, are part of the German Evangelical Military Chaplaincy based at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, which is responsible for the religious needs of German soldiers and families in the western United States.

Community members sing hymns, including "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (Macht hoch die Tür); "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Herbei, o ihr Gläub'gen); and "Silent Night" (Stille Nacht), in alternating verses of German and English during a bilingual Advent service hosted by Fort Leavenworth's German military community, Dec. 10 at Memorial Chapel.

Photo by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office



After the service, a Christkindlmarkt offered bratwursts, glühwein, kinderpunsch and gingerbread, creating a charming atmosphere outside Memorial Chapel.

German Sgt. Maj. Thomas Vogel, the German senior enlisted liaison to the Combined Arms Command, spoke to the meaning of sharing German culture and tradition with the Fort Leavenworth community, saying the event is a highlight for German soldiers and their families, giving them a sense of home during their time at Fort Leavenworth.

"The German families at Fort Leavenworth host the event with the personal meaning and motivation of cultivating and celebrating their cultural identity," Vogel said. "We are driven by a desire to preserve and share cherished German Christmas traditions like the Christkindlmarkt, providing a piece of home while stationed abroad. This is a deliberate effort to foster cross-cultural exchange, build strong community bonds between the German and American military families, and infuse the holiday season with the authentic spirit and

'magic' of a European Christmas market."

German soldiers serve as course participants, instructors, or liaison elements within Combined Arms Command and Army University. Vogel said that during their time at Fort Leavenworth, German soldiers and families notice how open and enthused the American community is to interact with German culture and tradition.

"The American community has responded with notable enthusiasm and appreciation, making the event a highly anticipated annual tradition," Vogel said.

"Visitors eagerly line up to experience an authentic slice of German culture without traveling to Europe. The atmosphere, complete with traditional decor, unique vendors and classic food items like bratwurst is widely embraced. The community values the family-friendly and welcoming environment, viewing it as a special opportunity to create new holiday memories and engage in a rich, shared cultural experience."



Photos by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office

ABOVE: Community members partake in bratwursts, glühwein, kinderpunsch and gingerbread offered at a Christkindlmarkt, following a bilingual Advent service hosted by Fort Leavenworth's German military community, Dec. 10 outside Memorial Chapel.

LEFT: Col. Achim Hesse, German liaison to the Combined Arms Command, grills bratwursts to sell during the Christkindlmarkt, held after the German Advent service, Dec. 10 outside Memorial Chapel.

See page A9
for upcoming
religious holiday
services.

Religious holiday services

SPECIAL SERVICES

Dec. 19 - Jewish Hanukkah dinner at 6 p.m. at Pioneer Chapel

Jan. 9 - Jewish Shabbat dinner at 6 p.m. at Pioneer Chapel

Jan. 10 – Chapel decorations restoration event at 9 a.m., all chapels

CATHOLIC SERVICES at Pioneer Chapel, unless otherwise noted

Dec. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 10 a.m. at Frontier Chapel

Dec. 28 - The Holy Family Mass. 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation, noon

Jan. 6 – Epiphany, noon

PROTESTANT (LITURGICAL) SERVICES at Memorial Chapel

Dec. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m.

GOSPEL SERVICES at Pioneer Chapel

Dec. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent, 10 a.m.

PROTESTANT (CONTEMPORARY) SERVICES at Frontier Chapel

Dec. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent, 11 a.m.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.

Dec. 28 - First Sunday after Christmas, 11 a.m.

PROTESTANT (TRADITIONAL) SERVICES at Pioneer Chapel, unless otherwise noted

Dec. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Cantata), 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m. in Frontier Chapel

Dec. 28 - First Sunday after Christmas, 8:30 a.m.

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

Pet of the Week: Bobbi



Photos by Miriam Raymond/Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility

Bobbi is a 1-year-old female great Dane mix available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. She has already been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. The adoption fee for a dog is \$155, which helps cover some of the care received. E-mail fortleavenworth-strayfacility@gmail.com for an adoption application and call 913-335-0788 for an appointment. Military affiliation is not required to adopt from the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. Visit www.FLSF.petfinder.com for adoptable pet profiles.

FLSF, at 510 Organ Ave., is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to noon the second Saturday of the month; and by appointment for pre-approved adopters. Call 913-335-0788 for an appointment or more information. Volunteers are needed to help cover pet care shifts, walk dogs, clean kennels and more. Foster homes for adoptable pets are also needed. To apply to volunteer with the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, visit <https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/>, enter ZIP code 66027, then search for “stray animal facility.”



FORT LEAVENWORTH KANSAS

Winter Weather & Holiday Safety Resources

<https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/> (for Post Status and Gate information)



STAY INFORMED

- Ensure you and family receive ALERT! messages.
(SMS text requires opt-in) <https://services.alert.mil/AlertClientInterfaceDOD>
- Follow Fort Leavenworth Official Social Media Pages.
- Download My Army Post app.
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Safety Message

- Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Check on your neighbors.
- Frozen Pipes, Carbon Monoxide, & Fires are greatest risk
- Take Care of your Soldiers
Space Heaters 3 ft from flammable items
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DECEMBER 18, 2025




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Fort Leavenworth


Thursday, December 18th
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Fellowship Hall
Frontier Chapel, 625 Thomas Avenue

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18 Dec | 1100-1300 | Exchange Mall



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FORT LEAVENWORTH

HANUKKAH PARTY

Menorah lighting
Food and fun

PIONEER CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Families of all ages and faiths welcome




RSVP OR QUESTIONS: [JFREIDEN@ME.COM](mailto:jfreiden@me.com)

Exchange Mall Hosts


Children's Story Time & Book Signing

Dec. 19 ~ 1400-1600

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Harrold Youth Center

December Holiday Party!



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19
7pm - 9pm
Harrold Youth Center
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Fort Leavenworth, KS

Are You Coming?



DJ George
Snacks
Concessions
Line Dancing / Games
Balloon Drop at 8:30pm

\$5 if you pay by December 18
\$10 at the door!

For all registered 6th - 12th graders with an active pass
Call 913-684-5115 for more info

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!
Join us on Christmas Day at the Installation Warrior Restaurant (with post access)

Hours of operation for the Holiday Meal:
1100 – 1330
Thursday, 25 December 2025
Unit Commanders and Leadership May Serve

Due to the extended hours for the Christmas meal. Please use the Drive thru 0430-0900; Grab-n-Go 0800- 0930 for Breakfast.

Meal rate:
No cost to meal card holders.
Holiday Meal Rate \$11.55*
Discounted Meal Rate \$8.55

Credit card payments accepted. However, please have cash payment available in the event of any IT issues.

The discounted meal rate shall be charge to: Spouses and other dependents of enlisted personnel in pay grades E1 through E4.

MEAL CARD HOLDERS & SOLDIERS IN UNIFORM PLEASE MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE

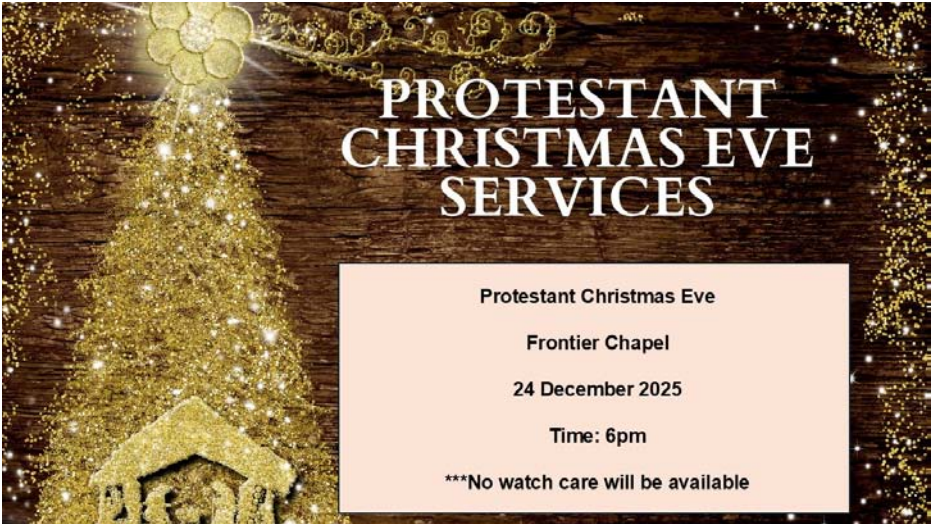
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SUNDAYS: 30 NOV, 7, 14 & 21 DEC
AT 0930-1030

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PROTESTANT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Protestant Christmas Eve

Frontier Chapel

24 December 2025

Time: 6pm

***No watch care will be available

DFAC CLOSURE

The Fort Leavenworth Installation Warrior Restaurant (DFAC) will be permanently closing its doors after the dinner meal Dec. 31.



JEWISH HOLY DAYS AND MEETINGS

Frontier & Pioneer Chapels

PIONEER CHAPEL
(500 Pope Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027)

HANUKKAH DINNER

19 December 2025 @ 1800-2000

JEWISH SHABBAT DINNER

09 January 2026 @ 1800-2000


***Please RSVP within 5 days of the dinner to:

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

FRONTIER CHAPEL
(625 Thomas Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027)

WEEKLY JUDAISM 101 SERIES

10 December 2025 – 14 January 2026
Time: 1200-1300
Room 153



FORT LEAVENWORTH THRIFT SHOP

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Applications are available at the Thrift Shop
1025 Sheridan Drive, Building 1049

Hours of Operation
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1st Saturday
from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS, NOT INDIVIDUALS

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE THRIFT SHOP BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

SKIES Curtain Call

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Registration Opens: December 2 at 9am
Registration Closes: January 6 at 12pm

Participants must be 8+ on or before January 27.
Register online or in person at any CYS facility.

Cost: \$275

Rehearsals will begin: February 10 at 4pm
The Post Theater / 375 Grant Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Mandatory Parent Meeting : January 27 at 4pm
Auditions begin: February 3 at 4pm

Performances:
May 9 at 2pm and 7pm

There are only 30 spaces available. Selections will be made by lottery if more than 30 participants sign up. The remaining interested participants will be placed on a waitlist. Curtain Call is a large commitment of time and responsibility.

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Slow Down

Leave early and add cushion to your normal drive.

Skid Smart

Learn how to handle your car BEFORE you go into a skid. Winter diving classes can be a great idea.

Be Prepared

Road delays happen. Put together and carry a road trip safety kit.

Have Patience

Be willing to wait for better road conditions.

Shoulder Safety

If you pull over, get as far off the shoulder as possible. Turn off headlights and turn on hazards.

Don't Use Cruise Control

Your tires may spin too fast on slick roads, causing you to lose control.

Passing Precaution

Allow more distance for passing—or just don't pass.

Be Seen

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Starting October 13th, 2025

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	Sunday
0530			Spin (Karyn)				
0600		Vinyasa Yoga (Leslie)		Vinyasa Yoga (Leslie)			
0900							Yin Yoga (Brandie/Leslie)
0930	Zumba (Yvonne)					Power Yoga (Kim)	
1200							
1430		Zumba (Yvonne)	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						
1430		*Power Cut (Kim)		*Power Cut (Kim)		

*Power Cut classes are held in the Bubble Gym



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The court is calling.
Answer it.....

Adult Sports Basketball League

Harney Sports Complex
185 Fourth St.
Fort Leavenworth, KS

swish!

Coaches meeting
Wednesday, November 19th at 5:30pm
Gruber Fitness Center
200 Reynolds Ave/ Fort Leavenworth/ KS

Letters of Intent due COB
Wednesday, November 26th

League play starts Thursday, December 4th
Games are Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:30pm - 6:30pm, 7:30pm at Harney Sports Complex
League awards given for regular season champions,
tournament runner-ups, and tournament champions.

Open to Active Duty, DOD Civilians, Retirees, Dependents, Spouses,
and Contractors working at Fort Leavenworth. Must be 18+
Call 913-684-3224/ 5136 for more information

2025 ADULT SPORTS Doubles Pickleball League

LET'S PLAY!

Player's Meeting
Wednesday
Oct 15
5:30pm @ Gruber Fitness Center
Registration due by COB
Wednesday Oct 29

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

Open to Active Duty, DOD Civilians, Retirees, Dependents, and Contractors working on Fort Leavenworth that are 18+
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YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS Winter Sports

REGISTRATION
October 14 - November 17

Winter Youth Basketball
January 7 - February 28
\$50

Kinder (5 - 6 yrs old)
1st & 2nd grade (7 - 8 yrs old)
3rd & 4th grade (9 - 10 yrs old)
5th & 6th grade (11 - 12 yrs old)

Start Smart Basketball ages 3 - 4 yrs old
January 12 - February 23 (Monday Sessions)
January 14 - February 11 (Wednesday Sessions)
\$30

Winter Youth Wrestling
January 8 - February 26
5 - 12 yrs old
\$50

VOLUNTEER HEAD COACHES NEEDED!
All Youth must have an updated sports physical before the first practice. Enrollment can be done at any CYS location if centrally registered. Webtrac enrollments can only be done with a current Youth Sports Physical.
For more info call 913-684-7525/ 7526

Youth Sports & Fitness Winter Basketball Camp

Youth will learn valuable skills such as sportsmanship, rules, and basic basketball fundamentals all while having a ball!

Registration
Oct 14 - Dec 1
Camp
Dec 1 - 4
Harrold Youth Center
45 Biddle Blvd

Camp Schedule
Ages 5 - 8
4:00pm - 5:00pm
Ages 9 - 10
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Ages 11 - 14
6:00pm - 7:00pm

cost \$40

Each Youth participant will receive a camp t-shirt. Must be centrally registered with Parent Central. Enrollment can be done at any CYS location.

Call for more info
913-684-7525/ 7526

ADULT CLASSES TAEKWONDO

Kick your fitness into high gear!

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Offered from:
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• 7pm - 8pm
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\$10 for a single class

Gruber Fitness Center 200 Reynolds Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS
Call for more information: 214-205-4954

Open to eligible DOD ID card holders. Must be 18+ and have 24/7 access prior to taking first class.

Saturday Swimming Lessons
Bernstein Memorial Indoor Pool
Enrollment opens: Wednesday, 19 November 2025 at 0800

Session 1: December 6, 20, 27, & January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
(8 classes) \$64.00

502601-00	0800-0830	Parent Child Aquatics (max 8)
502601-01	0845-0915	Preschool level 2 (max 5)
502601-02	0930-1000	Learn-to-swim level 1 (max 6)
502601-03	1015-1045	Learn-to-swim level 2 (max 6)
Break		
502601-04	1130-1200	Learn-to-swim level 1 (max 6)
502601-05	1215-1245	Learn-to-swim level 3 (max 6)

Swimming Lesson Age Requirements:
Parent Child: Participants may be 6 months - 3 years and must be accompanied into the water by a parent or guardian.
Preschool Aquatics Levels: Participants must be 4 years - 5 years old.
Learn-to-swim Levels: Participants must be 6 years old - 17 years old.
Private Lessons: Participants may be adults or children, 4 years old and older.

Saturday Swimming Lessons
Bernstein Memorial Indoor Pool
Enrollment opens: Wednesday, 19 November 2025 at 0800

Session 2: December 6, 20, 27, & January 3. (4 classes) \$64.00

502601-06	1300-1330	Private Lesson (max 1)
502601-07	1345-1415	Private Lesson (max 1)

Session 3: January 10, 17, 24, 31. (4 classes) \$64.00

502601-08	1300-1330	Private Lesson (max 1)
502601-09	1345-1415	Private Lesson (max 1)

Swimming Lesson Age Requirements:
Parent Child: Participants may be 6 months - 3 years and must be accompanied into the water by a parent or guardian.
Preschool Aquatics Levels: Participants must be 4 years - 5 years old.
Learn-to-swim Levels: Participants must be 6 years old - 17 years old.
Private Lessons: Participants may be adults or children, 4 years old and older.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Scan the QR Code to view our Facility/Program holiday hours!

Or visit our website, leavenworth.armymwr.com

October - December Workshops

Watercolor \$30 per workshop	Calligraphy \$20 per workshop
Watercolor (Basic Techniques) Thursday, Oct 2 12pm - 2pm	Modern Calligraphy (Basic Techniques) Tuesday, Oct 21 11am - 12:30pm
Watercolor (Color Theory) Thursday, Oct 9 12pm - 2pm	Modern Calligraphy (Intermediate) Tuesday, Oct 28 11am - 12:30pm
Watercolor (Florals) Thursday, Oct 16 12pm - 2pm	Modern Calligraphy (Holiday Cards) Tuesday, Nov 4 11am - 12:30pm
Watercolor (Autumn Wreath) Thursday, Oct 30 12pm - 2pm	
Watercolor (Holiday Cards) Tuesday, Nov 18 12pm - 2pm	

Pre-registration required for all classes. Cost includes all supplies!
Tues & Thurs 9am - 7pm, Wed & Fri 9am - 4pm
Call now to register: (913) 684 - 3373

Ft. Leavenworth Arts & Crafts Studio

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

Cute Witchy Pumpkin
Friday
October 10 6pm - 8pm

Grateful Pumpkin Stack
Friday
November 14 6pm - 8pm

Holly Jolly Highland Cow
Friday
December 12 6pm - 8pm

Pottery Studio
\$40 per class

Wheel Throwing (Basic Techniques) Friday, Oct 3 9am - 11:30am Wednesday, Nov 5 12pm - 2:30pm Saturday, Nov 22 10am - 12:30pm Tuesday, Dec 2 6pm - 8:30pm Thursday, Dec 11 11am - 1:30pm	Hand Building (Autumn Plates) Tuesday, Oct 14 12pm - 2pm
Wheel Throwing (Mugs) Wednesday, Nov 19 12pm - 2:30pm Tuesday, Dec 16 6pm - 8:30pm	Ceramic Christmas Ornaments Wednesday, Dec 3 11am - 1pm

Wheel Throwing (Pumpkins)
Wednesday, Oct 8 12pm - 2:30pm
Monday, Oct 27 6pm - 8:30pm

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

October - December Workshops

Framing \$40 per class	Crafts \$35 per class
Intro to Framing Friday, Oct 10 11am - 1pm Saturday, Oct 25 10am - 2pm Friday, Nov 14 11am - 1pm Saturday, Nov 22 10am - 2pm Friday, Dec 12 10am - 2pm	Jack & Sally or Hocus Pocus Tuesday, Oct 7 11am - 1pm Friday, Oct 17 9am - 11am Pie Garland Friday, Nov 7 11am - 1pm Thursday, Nov 13 11am - 1pm Holiday Advent Calendar Tuesday, Nov 18 6pm - 8pm Friday, Nov 21 11am - 1pm

Ft. Leavenworth Arts & Crafts Studio

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

Messy Art \$12 per class (ages 7+) Thursdays Oct 2, 16, 30 11am - 12pm Thursday Nov 13 11am - 12pm Thursdays Dec 4, 18 11am - 12pm	Color Me Happy \$10 per class Parent & Toddlers Thursdays Oct 9, 23 10am - 11am Thursdays Nov 6, 20 10am - 11am Thursday Dec 11 10am - 11am
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Art History
\$20 per class (ages 7+)

Pumpkins & Picasso
Wednesday, Oct 15 1pm - 3pm

Go-Gurts & Van Gogh
Wednesday, Nov 12 1pm - 3pm

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Veterans Crisis Line

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■ If you enroll in or change your **TRICARE HEALTH COVERAGE OR FEDVIP COVERAGE** during open season, your new coverage starts Jan. 1, 2026.

■ TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select beneficiaries ages 13-64 experiencing recurring **HAND, WRIST AND ELBOW PAIN** may find relief through occupational therapy services available at Munson Army Health Center. No referral required. Call the appointment line at 913-684-6250 to schedule a consultation.

■ 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.

■ 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 in Eisenhower Hall or call 913-758-3403 to schedule an appointment. The health educators are also available to go mobile, taking their class to units or organizations on post and family readiness groups. To learn more about AFWC services visit <https://dvidshub.net/r/8wttlf>.

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

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

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



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MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER

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