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‘Thank you for your service’



Artwork by Grayson Egas, Bradley Elementary School second-grader

This drawing earned Bradley Elementary School second-grader Grayson Egas second place in the Retiree Appreciation Day coloring/drawing contest for Unified School District 207 students. Second-grader Leah Shughrue took first place in the second/third-grade category, and second-grader Rowan Stalvey took third. Other contest winners included first-grader Viola Stokes in first place, kindergartner Hyona-Lee in second place and kindergartner Lucy Slade in third place in the kindergarten/first-grade category; and fifth-grader Adalyn Egas in first place, fourth-grader Zoey Stalvey in second place and fourth-grader Clara Kolb in third place in the fourth/fifth-grade category. Fourth-grader Owen Slade, second-grader Rowan Stalvey and fourth-grader Zoey Stalvey received honorable mentions. The artwork was on display for Retiree Appreciation Day at the Lewis and Clark Center and then later at the Post Exchange.

Retirees receive thanks, info at Appreciation Day

by Prudence Siebert/Editor

A health fair, informative speakers and Leavenworth Junior ROTC drill team demonstrations were among the offerings at Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center.

Area retirees have been honored by the community and informed about health care and other topics at RAD for the past 62 years, with the exception of 2025 when the event was cancelled due to the government shutdown. That prompted post leaders and organizers to move the event up one month to avoid another possible cancellation.

The earlier date had a trade-off — flu shots for patients 65 and older had not been received in time for the event, but regular dose flu shots were available. Munson Army Health Center will be offering flu vaccination clinics throughout October and will announce when the high-dose flu shots are available.

Norm Greczyn, Fort Leavenworth Retiree Council officer

co-chairman, welcomed retirees and served as emcee for the opening program in the auditorium. He introduced the guest speakers, who provided information and took questions from the audience.

“Today gives us a really special day to come together and look around the room and recognize all the service of both the retirees and those family mem-

bers and friends that supported them along the way,” said Col. Tiffany Bilderback, MAHC director, as she addressed the retirees. “Veterans of different generations and different campaigns who served during periods of conflict and periods of, I would say, uncertain peace, because I think the only thing that’s certain is uncertainty...



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Retiree Appreciation Day attendees watch the Leavenworth High School Junior ROTC Cavalry Angels drill team’s performance Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center.

AT A GLANCE

■ The first **FLU SHOT VACCINATION EVENT** of the season for TRICARE beneficiaries ages 6 months and older is from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 2 at Frontier Chapel.

■ The **COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE ORGANIZATION DAY** is 3-6 p.m. Oct. 2 on the Lewis and Clark patio. Register at www.cgscfoundation.org/events/org-day-2026.

■ The **FORT LEAVENWORTH THRIFT SHOP** at 1025 Sheridan Drive will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 3. Regular hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and the first Saturday of the month.

■ The **PATTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY APPRECIATION FOOTBALL GAME** is at 4 p.m. Oct. 6 at the USD 207 Track and Field Complex.

■ **HUNTING BRIEFS** are at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in October at the Rod and Gun Club Clubhouse. The brief is required for anyone planning to hunt on the installation.

■ 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. See related article on page A2.

■ 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 next **SPEAKER SERIES HISTORY BRUNCH** is at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at the Frontier Army Museum. Dr. Darin Tuck will present “Trail System Through Kansas During the Civil War.” The free event will also be streamed on the Friends of the Frontier Army Museum Facebook page.

■ The opening ceremony for the American Veterans 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. The exhibit will be in place Oct. 14-18.

■ 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 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.

■ 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.

■ **APPOINTMENTS FOR ID CARDS and DEERS** can now be made online at <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/#/>. For more information visit <https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/myfort/all-services/id-cards-deers> or call 913-684-2636.

■ 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.

■ **CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES** and 913-684-2111 to report non-emergencies. Call 911 if in doubt about which number is most appropriate to use.

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From Leavenworth High School ...

While wearing her letter jacket, Tiffany Bilderback, center, poses with high school friends around 2001. Bilderback is now the director of Munson Army Health Center.

Submitted photo



LHS Class of 2001 graduates now leaders at Fort Leavenworth

Submitted by Garrison Headquarters

Col. Tiffany Bilderback and Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks, both graduates of Leavenworth High School’s Class of 2001, have returned to Fort Leavenworth to serve as senior Army leaders. Both come from military families, have taken different routes, and are now sharing a personal connection to the community they support.

Bilderback commands Munson Army Health Center, while Franks serves as the command sergeant major for the Fort Leavenworth Garrison. In their respective roles, both leaders help care for soldiers, service members, families, retirees and the civilians across the installation.

“In our respective roles, we have the privilege of helping care for the people who have cared for us growing up,” Bilderback said. “It doesn’t get much more

Munson Army Health Center Director Col. Tiffany Bilderback and Fort Leavenworth Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks will serve as grand marshals for the Leavenworth High School Homecoming Parade Oct. 2, which stages at Haymarket Square and begins at 2 p.m. in downtown Leavenworth. Bilderback and Franks are both members of the 2001 LHS graduating class.

special than that.”

While one of them supports the health, wellness and medical readiness of the force and community, the other helps ensure the

... to Army senior leaders



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Fort Leavenworth Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks and Munson Army Health Center Director Col. Tiffany Bilderback answer audience members’ questions about installation access, prescriptions, missed benefits and more during Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center. Franks and Bilderback are both graduates of the Leavenworth High School Class of 2001. They will serve as grand marshals for the LHS Homecoming Parade at 2 p.m. Oct. 2 in downtown Leavenworth.

installation provides the services and environment people need to live, work and thrive. Those efforts directly support readiness, but they also strengthen the quality of life that makes this community special.

Bilderback was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, to a military family. Although she lived in several locations around the world while growing up, she graduated from Leavenworth High School. As a junior in high school, she earned a ROTC scholarship and graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a bachelor’s degree in biomedical engineering in 2005. The day before graduation, she was commissioned into the Army Medical Service Corps. Over the years, her career has brought her back to Fort Leavenworth as a student at the Command and General Staff College from 2015-2016 and then to the Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program

within the School of Advanced Military Studies from 2024-2025.

Franks was born in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, and also comes from a military family. He considers Kansas home and enlisted in the Army just days after graduating from Leavenworth High School. While serving, he continued his education and earned his college degree, demonstrating the Army’s opportunities for soldiers to pursue personal and professional growth throughout their careers. His path from local high school graduate to soldier to college graduate to command sergeant major reflects both his commitment to service and his enduring connection to the Fort Leavenworth community.

“We both grew up in this community during part of our childhoods, so returning here in positions of responsibility is especially meaningful,” Franks said. “It gives us an opportunity to give back to the people and place that helped shape us.”

Local VA healthcare recruiter receives Service to the Citizen award

by vacareers.va.gov

The Department of Veterans Affairs is proud to celebrate our own Hillary Garcia, a national healthcare recruiter, who received a Service to the Citizen award on Sept. 18 for her commitment to “building a customer-focused culture for transforming physician recruitment across VA through a customer-centered approach that improves access to care for veterans while supporting healthcare leaders and recruiting teams nationwide.”

The Service to the Citizen awards honor exemplary public servants who excel in delivering impactful services that positively affect the lives of the public.

As a national healthcare recruiter, Garcia has redefined the hiring experience for physicians and hiring managers navigating the federal hiring system — streamlining processes, providing responsive guidance, and ensuring healthcare leaders and recruiting teams nationwide have the support they need.

“I work on a team of recruiters who strive every day to not just provide good customer service, but to provide the best service to everyone we encounter,” said Garcia. “We pursue every avenue and do whatever it takes to recruit, retain and onboard phenomenal candidates who will care for our veterans with compassion and empathy.”

Garcia co-leads VA’s Physician Provider Recruiter Community of Practice and hosts bi-weekly office hours to support recruiters across the system. She serves as the primary

recruitment consultant for Veteran Health Administration’s Primary Care Department, the National Emergency Medicine Office and the Women Veterans Health Care program, supporting more than 160 VA field human resources offices nationwide. She works directly with high-need facilities to identify recruitment barriers, improve hiring strategies, optimize compensation and simplify onboarding for physician candidates.

Garcia’s work has produced striking results:

- Her physician and healthcare provider referrals resulted in an average of 30 candidate selections annually over the last 5 years. She was also selected as VA’s Workforce Management and Consulting Employee of the Year in 2024.
- She helped facilities address critical emergency department staffing shortages, accelerating hiring timelines to approximately 20 days, helping ensure veterans maintained access to essential emergency care.
- Through personalized communication, practical coaching and enterprise-wide mentoring, Garcia has fostered a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement that strengthens recruitment efforts across VA, ultimately enhancing care for veterans nationwide.

“No matter what field you support at VA, we all have the opportunity each day to build and foster a customer-focused culture,” Garcia said. “Walking the halls of a local VA hospital always reminds me of why we are privileged to work in federal service.”



Submitted photo by Jacqueline Roerner

Hillary Garcia, a national healthcare recruiter with the Veterans Health Administration Central Office in the National Recruitment Service division who works on the Leavenworth campus of VA Eastern Kansas Health Care system, was recently honored with a national Service to the Citizen award for her work transforming the physician recruitment process across VA — work that James Marfield, association director of the National Recruiting Service, said has directly improved veterans’ access to health care nationwide. Garcia was born and raised in Leavenworth and has been with the VA since 2004.

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WWII veteran turns 100

When Don Owens was 18 years old , he was sent to the World War II reception center at Fort Leavenworth.

On his 100th birthday last month, Owens reflected on how the Army helped shape a lifetime of service.



Photo by Christopher P. Smith/MidAmerica Nazarene University

World War II veteran Dr. Donald Owens smiles during his 100th birthday celebration Sept. 12 at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas.



Submitted photo

A young Donald Owens, poses for a formal portrait photograph during World War II. Owens enlisted in the U.S. Army via the reception center at Fort Leavenworth on Jan. 20, 1945. He achieved the rank of technician fifth grade, working in cryptographic communications, which required the handling and protection of encoded military information. His Army service took him to the Pacific, including the Philippines and Japan, during the closing period of World War II and its immediate aftermath.

by Spc. Wilfred Salters/Combined Arms Command Public Affairs

Donald Dean Owens was an 18-year-old sophomore trying to help keep his family afloat. After his parents divorced and his father left, Owens departed his classroom in Joplin, Missouri, to take a job working construction to help support his mother and younger brother.

Then on a day in October of 1944, a letter arrived that would change the course of his life. It started with “Greetings,” formal words from the president ordering him to report to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Owens likes to joke about being offered a choice between the prison or the induction center at Fort Leavenworth. The Fort Leavenworth Reception Center would usher the young Missouri boy into the Army, which would eventually take him thousands of miles from home.

Owens celebrated his 100th birthday Sept. 12, 2026, in Olathe, Kansas, and he reflected on the experiences that molded his life.

When he talks about his early years, he doesn’t just remember the places he was going. He pictures his younger self, a 155-pound young

man in an Army uniform, still trying to figure out what his life might become.

In January 1945, Owens started infantry training at Camp Fannin in Texas. He had been expecting to join his older brother on the European front with Gen. George Patton’s Third Army. But that changed when the military policy of keeping 18-year-olds out of Europe led to Owens being sent to Camp Maxey, Texas. There he received more training for the Pacific theater and discovered a talent for marksmanship.

“During that time, one of my great accomplishments was that I became an expert with a rifle, a Garand M1 rifle. It was well zeroed in. I just had a great rifle,” Owens said.

His unit shipped out from Fort Ord, California, after the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. Owens deployed to the Pacific during a rapidly changing war and world. He spent his 19th birthday in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, thousands of miles from home, where he remembers feeling isolated. Standing on the deck of the ship, Owens later described the moment as a “pity party.” Then he looked toward the moon.

“The light from the moon shone

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Photo by Christopher P. Smith/MidAmerica Nazarene University

World War II veteran Dr. Donald Owens poses with Patriot Guard Riders during his 100th birthday celebration Sept. 12 at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas. Owens enlisted in the Army through the Fort Leavenworth Reception Center.

WWII veteran celebrates 100th birthday (continued from Page A3)



Photo by Christopher P. Smith/MidAmerica Nazarene University

World War II veteran Dr. Donald Owens celebrates his 100th birthday with family and friends Sept. 12 at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas.

like a path right to me,” Owens said. “It seemed to me that my Lord was saying through that, ‘I know where you are, and you’re not forgotten.’ That was a great spiritual experience for me.”

The memory was fresh in his mind when he stepped off the transport ship in Manila, where his military assignment took a surprising turn. He was trained for the infantry, but his typing ability earned him a job in the Signal Corps, and he was sent to the mountains of the Philippines to run military message centers.

Shortly after, his unit was transferred to occupied Japan with the 8th Army. Assigned to the 3159th and 304th Signal Operations Battalions and later working as a cryptographer in secure code rooms, Owens was responsible for the handling and safeguarding of encoded military intelligence.

The assignment also brought him to Tokyo’s Dai-Ichi Building, across the plaza from where Gen. Douglas MacArthur had established his supreme headquarters. Owens’ days weren’t spent entirely behind closed doors; he also guarded motor pools, walked night patrols around empty buildings and, on Sundays, served as a chaplain’s assistant.

That role gave him an opportunity to see Japan and its people in a different way. While serving with the chaplain, Owens learned from a Japanese pastor that his two young daughters had been trained with rifles to fight to the death if American forces invaded mainland Japan. The story made a lasting impression, leading Owens to believe that the atomic bombings, despite the difficult moral questions surrounding them, ultimately saved millions of Japanese and American lives.

His time in Japan also changed his mind about the people who had so recently been America's enemies. He saw a population struggling to survive, and instead of leaving Japan with a feeling of bitterness,

Owens found himself wanting to help people trying to rebuild their lives. Sometimes that desire manifested itself in small ways, like saving ice cream from the military mess hall for the Japanese man who ran the elevator in his building. One day the man saw a Christian pin on Owens’ uniform. “You don’t smoke?” the man asked him, to which Owens replied no. “Okay, I will not smoke, and I will be a Christian, too,” Owens remembered the man responding.

For Owens, experiences like these became more than passing moments. During his time in the military, he began to discover a call to ministry, turning what had started as a two-year period of military service into a foundational pillar for the life that followed.

His story is not one of combat. Owens never fought in the battles that formed the memories of many of his generation’s other soldiers. His service, however, left a lasting mark. As he reflected on a lifetime of global leadership and academic excellence, the man who became a doctor — having earned a PhD in cultural anthropology and East Asian studies — said he always traced his remarkable journey to the foundation he built in uniform. Although he spent less than two years as a cryptographer in World War II, he said he was always grateful for the discipline and character he picked up in the Army.

"My experience in the military was probably one of the most revolutionary, exciting, wonderful experiences I ever had," Owens said.

For today’s soldiers on their own missions, Owens’ legacy is a powerful reminder that the habits that are built in service shape a lifetime of impact. Owen said he is very proud of them, their uniforms and attention to duty and discipline.

“Remember what we're about, why we’re there, why we're needed,” Owens said.

WWII vet’s service began at Fort Leavenworth

by retired Lt. Col. Joe Boyd/Former Tactics Instructor at the Command and General Staff College and family member of Dr. Don Owens (brother-in-law of Owens’ daughter Debbie Bohi)

Don Owens is an extraordinary man with a remarkable life story, but there is one connection in particular that I thought might be of interest to the Fort Leavenworth community: He was enlisted into the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth 81 years ago on Jan. 20, 1945, during World War II.

Owens celebrated his 100th birthday Sept. 12 in Olathe, Kansas, marking a century of life that took him from the U.S. Army during World War II to postwar Asia and, ultimately, to positions of international educational and church leadership.

Owens went on to serve in the Pacific, including the Philippines and Japan, and later returned to Asia as a missionary, educator and international leader. His life ultimately included helping establish what became Korea Nazarene University, serving as president of MidAmerica Nazarene College in Olathe, Kansas, and serving in the highest leadership position in the Church of the Nazarene.

Owens served in the U.S. Army from 1945–1946, eventually attaining the rank of technician fifth grade. His military specialty involved cryptographic communications, work requiring the handling and protection of encoded military information. His Army service took him to the Pacific, including the Philippines and Japan, during the closing period of World War II and its immediate aftermath.

But his connection to Asia did not end when he took off the uniform.

Only a few years later, Owens and his wife, Adeline, volunteered for missionary service. In May 1954, less than a year after the Korean War armistice, they arrived in a devastated South Korea as pioneer missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene.

There, Owens helped establish a small Bible training school in Seoul. It began with only 23 students in a rehabilitated, fire-damaged building. That school eventually developed into Korea Nazarene University, and Owens is recognized as its founding president.



Don Owens, circa WWII

His remarkable career continued for decades. Owens went on to serve as:

- Pioneer missionary to South Korea
- Founder and first president of the institution that became Korea Nazarene University
- Founding president of Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in the Philippines
- Second president of MidAmerica Nazarene College, now MidAmerica Nazarene University, in Olathe
- Professor, author and international church leader

• General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene from 1989–1997, the denomination's highest elected leadership position

Don’s 100th birthday was more than a birthday milestone. It was an opportunity to tell the story of a member of the World War II generation whose Army journey began at Fort Leavenworth more than 81 years ago, and who is still here to tell that story himself.

There was also a remarkable full-circle element to his life.

The young American soldier who went to the Pacific during the final period of World War II later returned to Asia, not as a soldier, but as a missionary, educator and leader, helping establish institutions that continue serving people today.

His life represents nearly a century of service — military service, missionary service, educational leadership and international ministry.

Reception Center spotlighted at museum

FROM THE LAMP

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by Katie Peterson/Former *Lamp* Staff Writer

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II officially began with Nazi Germany’s attack on Poland. Two years later, after the Japanese bombed the American fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941, the United States officially entered the war.

During peacetime, President Franklin D. Roosevelt knew the inevitability of America joining the conflict, so he and the U.S. Congress implemented a draft so they could begin to prepare soldiers and new-enlisting civilians for overseas conflict, according to the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project, a research center associated with George Washington University’s History Department.

As a result, more than 20 reception centers were established throughout the United States, and one of the largest, Reception Center No. 1773, was in the area where the Fort Leavenworth Commissary and the Post Exchange now stand.

The Fort Leavenworth Reception Center (was) the subject of an exhibit at the Frontier Army Museum; it was installed March

12, 2019.

“There were over 300,000 men that processed in here at Fort Leavenworth. Initially, when the Reception Center was built, they were thinking they were only going to have 500 to 1,000 men process through this station, and they realized then that they were going to need to build more barracks and prepare,” said Russ Ronspies, FAM museum specialist.

The display includes the front page of the March 20, 1943, issue of the *Fort Leavenworth Reception Center News*, the predecessor of the *Fort Leavenworth Lamp*. The newspaper was an eight-page weekly published for inductees at the center. The first edition was published Dec. 27, 1941, and the last was published Sept. 9, 1944.

The exhibit also includes a Reception Center seal, a World War II garrison cap and a footlocker, all of which belonged to Master Sgt. Leo Winneke, who served with one of the two companies in the 17th Infantry that operated the center. He was chief



File photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Master Sgt. Leo Winneke's foot locker was featured in a Fort Leavenworth Reception Center exhibit in March 2019 at the Frontier Army Museum. Winneke, who served in World Wars I and II, helped organize the reception center at Fort Leavenworth when World War II began. More than 300,000 draft inductees were processed through the center from 1940-46 before transferring to other posts.

clerk of the center’s supply section until his retirement from the Army in 1946. The items were donated to the museum by Winneke’s daughter, Mary Sue Winneke.

Ronspies said it was important to reestablish the Reception Center display at the museum.

“It is really an important part of Fort Leavenworth history,” Ronspies said. “We still on occa-

sion get some World War II vets that visit, so it is always nice to be able to have that available for them to see.

“I hope that (museum visitors) can take away a greater understanding of a significant historic event that took place here on post and how big a role the post did play in processing and educating soldiers for entry into World War II,” he said.

The Fort Leavenworth Reception Center No. 1773 became active on Aug. 9, 1940. In August 1943, *Military Review* published an article by Lt. Col. Charles Malone, commander of the center, titled “Operations of an Induction Station and Reception Center.”

From the *Lamp* archives: Reception Center (continued from Page A4)

The article, available at the Combined Arms Research Library, talks of the step-by-step process soldiers underwent upon arrival at the Reception Center.

Once a new civilian was recruited, they were issued a “Soldier’s Qualification Card,” which followed the soldier throughout his Army career.

Following their induction, the men were sent to the Armed Forces Induction Station where psychologists, based on the inductees’ records and preliminary physical information, screened out those who would most likely receive the lowest grades in the regular Army Classification Tests.

“The Army wants men who can learn to be soldiers,” Malone wrote. “Most illiterates are rejected, but not all of them.”

For the “illiterates” who were accepted, Reception Center No. 1773’s Special Training Unit was reserved for those who could not read or write English at a fourth-grade level, Malone said. They had three months to learn or they were discharged.

Following the psychological tests, the inductees received a complete physical examination at the Medical Induction Station. If they passed, the inductee’s Service Record was initiated. Then, the inductee was to choose what branch of service he preferred, Army or Navy.

If an inductee chose the Navy — as long as he met the standards and physical requirements of the Navy — he was sent to the nearest Naval Recruiting Station to receive the oath of enlistment, Malone said.

Inductees who chose the Army, upon meeting the physical requirements, were sworn into the Army and placed in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

After a 21-day deferment back home, the recruits returned to the center and were given a serial number and were assigned to a casual company, which officially began the second phase of induction, Malone said.

During orientation in the morning, the recruit heard a series of talks about government insurance and the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Acts and read through the Articles of War. They also watched movies on personal hygiene and customs of service.

Next came three classification tests in the afternoon — the Army General Classification Test, which tested their decision and quick, accurate thinking skills; the Mechanical Aptitude Test, which often revealed potential skills of the trainees that were previously unknown; and the Radio Operator’s Aptitude Test, which was a test of sounds that determined potential radio operators.

All of the test results were recorded on the Soldier’s Qualification Card.

Following the tests, the recruit had his classification interview during which the interviewer filled out the rest of the qualification card. After the interview, he was sent to the Insurance and Records Department for the chance to take out government insurance. Then, he was sent to Supply for his uniform.

“Up to this point, the only outward indication that the recruit is in the Army is a cardboard with his name and serial number hooked on him. As he leaves the Classification Section, he is about to discard his civilian clothes for the duration,” Malone wrote. “As he sits in line, waiting to be fitted for his shoes, shirts, pants and other clothing, he observes this sign, ‘You are now going to receive the best clothing ever issued to any army. You alone are responsible for it. Take care of it. Be proud of it.’”

The recruit’s final stop of the day was the infirmary where he received typhoid and tetanus shots.

Throughout the rest of his stay at the center, the recruit was taught the basics of drill and was assisted in making the transition from civilian to Army life as easy as possible until he joined his unit, Malone said.

Following the war, the center out-processed more than 100,000 soldiers before closing in 1946.



Artwork denoting Master Sgt. Leo Winneke's unit, Company K, 17th Infantry, adorns his foot locker, which was featured in a Fort Leavenworth Reception Center exhibit at the Frontier Army Museum in March 2019. Winneke, who served in World Wars I and II, helped organize the reception center at Fort Leavenworth when World War II began. More than 300,000 draft inductees were processed through the center from 1940-46 before transferring to other posts.

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ABOVE: This Fort Leavenworth Reception Center seal/coin was on display as part of an exhibit in March 2019 at the Frontier Army Museum. The seal was displayed on a mirror so that the inscription was easier to read.

LEFT: This World War II garrison cap was part of an exhibit about the Fort Leavenworth Reception Center in March 2019 at the Frontier Army Museum.

More than 300,000 World War II draft inductees were processed through the center from 1940-46 before transferring to other posts.

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Museum Specialist Megan Hunter and Museum Technician Fayelee Overman place Master Sgt. Leo Winneke's foot locker into an exhibit about the Fort Leavenworth Reception Center March 12, 2019, at the Frontier Army Museum.

Winneke, who served in World Wars I and II, helped organize the reception center at Fort Leavenworth when World War II began. More than 300,000 World War II draft inductees were processed through the center from 1940-46 before transferring to other posts.

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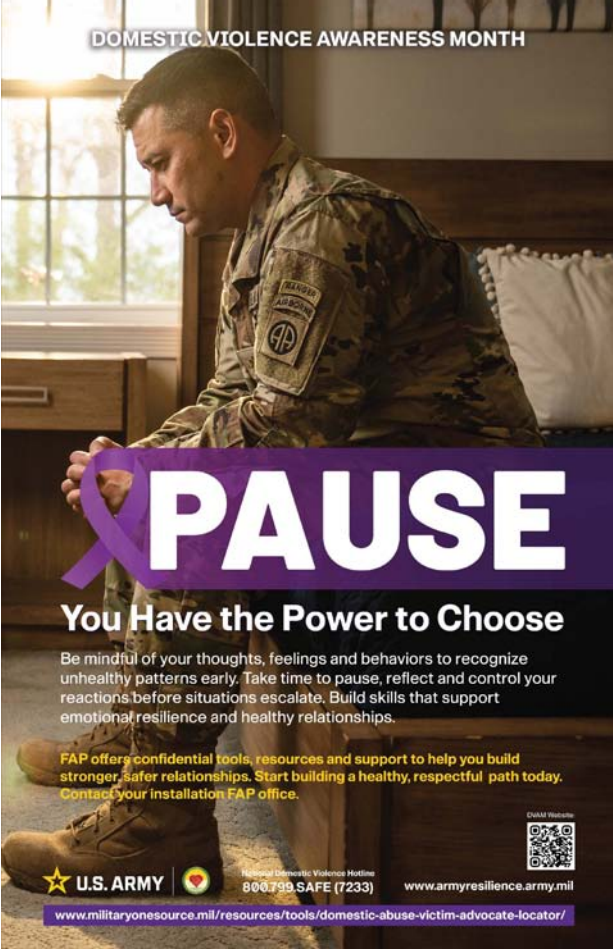
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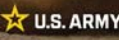


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A group of performers in historical military uniforms, including blue tunics, black capes with gold trim, and black hats, performing a synchronized salute on a dark stage.

Members of the Leavenworth High School Junior ROTC Cavalry Angels unarmed drill team perform during the Retiree Appreciation Day opening program Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center. Members of the LHS JROTC Pioneer Guard armed drill team also performed.

"The service members who were the newest recruits in 9/11 are now becoming these retirees, and as those of my peers are retiring, we'll join the generations of you that have served before us," she said. "Your uniform goes in the closet, but the values

See page A7 for more images from Retirement Appreciation Day and a story on the Munson Army Health Center health fair.



Garrison Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eric Bryan answers a retiree's question about Jewish services as Col. Tiffany Bilderback, Munson Army Health Center, stands ready to take the next question during Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center. Bryan gave the invocation for the event, praying "Heavenly Father, a most fitting way to begin today with your eternal word. Proverbs 16 reminds us that gray hair is a crown of glory. Prophet Isaiah also says that in our old age, you will sustain us and you will rescue us. God, thank you that we live in a time and a place that values every season of life. Thank you for your love that you know us, you see us, and what a great privilege we have to give you life while we've got it. God, thank you for today, for all the people who have brought this event together. Thank you that we get to live in a time where we get to serve our community well. And, God, may we always at Leavenworth be a community that rallies around you to represent you well in all that we do, in love for neighbors, in love for good use of our time. God, thank you for this day, and may we be a blessing to you. We most humbly pray. Amen."



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Retiree Appreciation Day (continued from Page A6)

RIGHT: Retirement Services Officer Michelle Grier holds up her hand when recognized by Norm Greczyn, Fort Leavenworth Retiree Council officer co-chairman, during Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center. “She’s really the brains and the main effort behind (Retiree Appreciation Day), as she interfaces with the Garrison staff,” Greczyn said. **BELOW:** Retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Fredrick Gage II places his hand over his heart when “Anchors Aweigh” plays during the service medley during the Retiree Appreciation Day opening program Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center. During his military career, Gage enlisted then commissioned, worked as a naval flight officer and retired with 30 years of service.

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Jennifer Grasela, AARP veteran information volunteer, and Jerry Hansen, Lewis and Clark Center security, look at student artwork displayed in the foyer during Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26.



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“Retiree Survivor Guide,” small group session presenter retired Master Sgt. Hans Hull, Retiree Council NCO co-chairman, ABOVE, and “Care Giving” presenter Victoria Cherrie, RIGHT, share information with Retiree Appreciation Day attendees about survivor benefits and end-of-life care Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center.

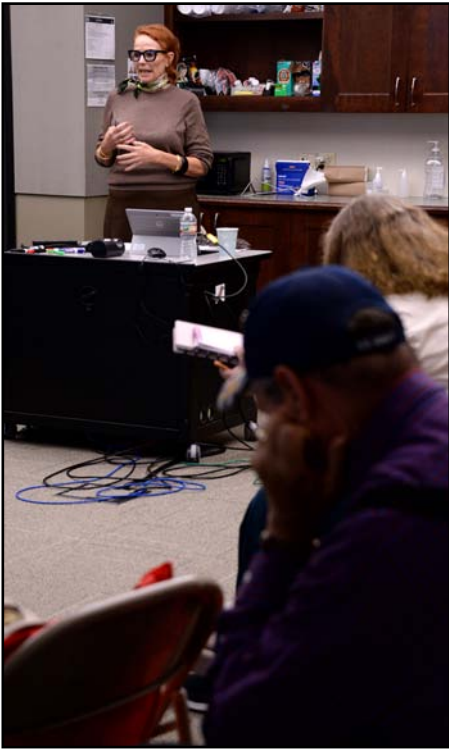


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Kathryn Styhl, with TriWest Healthcare Alliance, uses an overhead graphic to explain TriWest’s additional states of responsibility that used to be in the East Region, assuring Retiree Appreciation Day attendees that benefits have not changed with the contract changes, Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center.



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Norm Greczyn, Fort Leavenworth Retiree Council officer co-chairman, welcomes retirees and introduces guest speakers, including Munson Army Health Center Director Col. Tiffany Bilderback, who provided information and took questions from the audience, during the Retiree Appreciation Day opening program Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center.



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Retired Brig. Gen. Stan Cherrie tells “Care Giving” small group session attendees how important friends were when his wife, Mary Ellen, was dying, as he and his daughter, Victoria Cherrie, share information about end-of-life care during Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center.

MAHC connects with retirees at RAD

by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer

Munson Army Health Center soldiers and civilian staff supported Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center, connecting military retirees and their eligible family members with health screenings, information and services available through the military health system.

Col. Tiffany R. Bilderback, MAHC director, served as a guest speaker during the opening program and thanked retirees and their families for their service and continued contributions to the Army community. “Your service strengthens our Army, our Navy, our Air Force, our Marine Corps, our Coast Guard and Space Force. ... Your sacrifices have helped protect our nation. Your example has inspired all of us who have followed you,” Bilderback said. “Although your active service may be complete, your place in our formation is enduring.”

Following her remarks, Bilderback answered questions from the audience on a variety of topics including MAHC Pharmacy services, how long dependent children remain eligible for TRICARE, and the health center’s hours and services.

Eligible beneficiaries can have covered prescriptions from military or civilian providers filled at the MAHC Pharmacy at no cost when the medication is available through the military pharmacy. Regular TRICARE coverage generally continues until a dependent child turns 21, or age 23 for a qualifying full-time college student. Eligible young adults can purchase TRICARE Young Adult coverage until age 26.

Bilderback encouraged beneficiaries to obtain current information from MAHC’s official website at <https://munson.tricare.mil> and the health center’s official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/munsonhealth>, noting that on-line search results and unofficial sources might be inaccurate or outdated.

She shared an example of an individual who recently arrived at the health center at 6 a.m. to use the pharmacy after an AI-generated search result incorrectly indicated that the pharmacy opened at that time.

“Please, if you have questions or need information, use our official sources for the most accurate information,” Bilderback said.

Many retirees age 65 and older receive their routine and specialty health care from civilian TRICARE-network providers in the surrounding community because their evolving health care needs might require access to a broader range of specialty services and clinicians with expertise in caring for older adults. Retiree Appreciation Day provided an opportunity to review resources available to them through MAHC, including pharmacy services and the Armed Forces Wellness Center.

During the event, MAHC team members offered blood pressure checks and oral health screenings and shared information about mental health resources. Representatives also discussed services available through the Armed Forces Wellness Center, which eligible retirees can use for health



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Retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Kevin Flippin receives a flu vaccination from 1st Lt. Elizabeth Wright, nurse case manager at the Military Corrections Complex, during the Munson Army Health Center health fair at Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26 at the Lewis and Clark Center. Flippen travelled from St. Joseph, Missouri, to attend the event. He served in the Navy from 1986-2014.

coaching, body composition testing and other wellness support.

MAHC also provided a limited number of seasonal influenza vaccinations during the event. The high-dose influenza vaccine intended for beneficiaries ages 65 and older had not yet arrived, but team members administered the standard-dose vaccine to eligible participants younger than 65 and to others when medically appropriate.

Retirees and their eligible family members who would still like to receive a flu vaccine may attend one of MAHC’s upcoming outreach events at Frontier Chapel at 625 Thomas Ave.

Upcoming flu vaccination clinics:

- Oct. 2, noon to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 16, noon to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 27, 2-6 p.m.
- Nov. 6, noon to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 20, noon to 4 p.m.

MAHC will notify the community when the high-dose vaccine for beneficiaries age 65 and older and those with certain chronic conditions becomes available.

The RAD health fair reflected MAHC’s continued commitment to helping retirees and their families remain connected to the military health resources and benefits they have earned.

AAFES Halloween pet costume photo contest runs Oct. 1-31

by Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs News Release

DALLAS – Trick or treaters aren’t the only ones dressing up this Halloween. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is searching for the military community’s most fur-ightfully fun pet companions in its Halloween pet costume photo contest.

From Oct. 1-31, authorized Exchange shoppers 18 years or older worldwide can submit a photo of their pets in their Halloween finest at <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes> for their chance to win a share of \$3,000 in gift cards.

- **Authorized Exchange shoppers age 18 and older can enter the Halloween pet costume photo contest from Oct. 1-31.**
- **Submit a photo of a pet in costume for a chance to win.**
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Two grand-prize winners will each receive a \$500 Exchange gift card. Eight runners-up will receive a \$250 gift card.

“Pets are an important part of military families, and this contest gives them a chance to join the Halloween fun,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Angela Holden, the Exchange’s senior enlisted advisor. “We look forward to celebrating the special bond our shoppers share with their pets and seeing their spooky creativity come to life.”

No purchase is necessary to win. Winners will be contacted around Nov. 6.

Department of War and Coast Guard civilians and honorably discharged veterans who have confirmed their eligibility to shop online may also enter. Veterans can visit <https://aafes.media/paveterans> to learn more about their shopping benefit. DoD civilians can visit <https://aafes.media/cacbenefitspa>.

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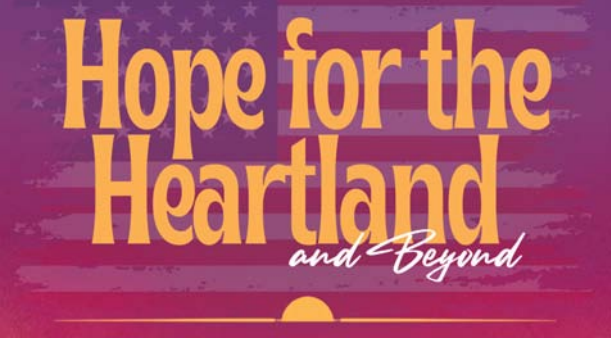
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YFC Military to host event Oct. 29

by Youth For Christ Military

The community event Hope for the Heartland and Beyond will be 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 29 at Riverfront Community Center, 123 Esplanade St. in Leavenworth.

There are approximately 3,000 military-connected youth in the Leavenworth area, and this special evening is focused on supporting and celebrating the young people and families who are such an important part of our military community.

Guests will hear inspir-

ing stories from military-connected youth, learn more about the impact of Youth for Christ Military in the Fort Leavenworth community, and have an opportunity to support ongoing work with local students. Dinner and dessert will be provided at no cost.

Admission is free, but seating is limited, so advance registration is suggested.

To register, visit https://yfcusa.formstack.com/forms/leavenworth_bts_2026.

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29 October 2026

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VENUE

Riverfront Community Center

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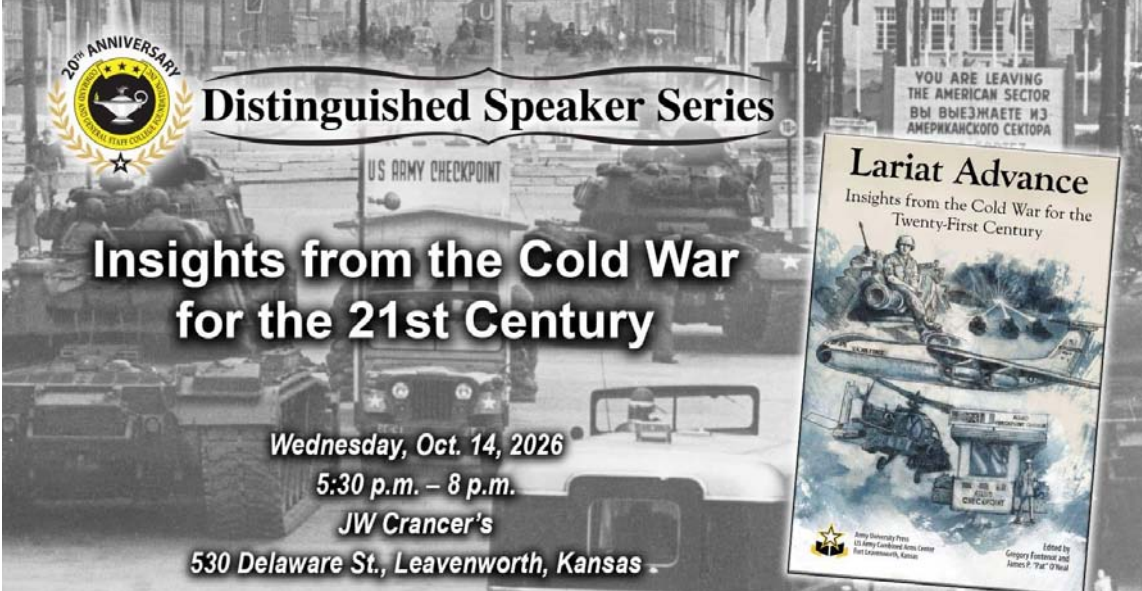
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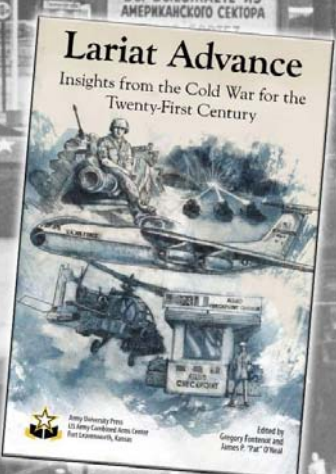




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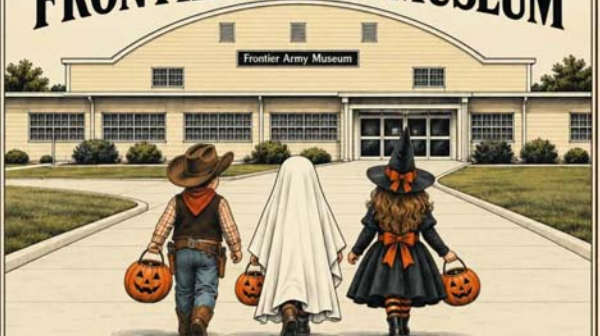


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Saturday September 26th

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Saturday October 10th

“Trail System Through Kansas During the Civil War” with
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Saturday November 14th

“Quilting History: The Lewis and Clark Expedition” With
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Saturday December 5th

“Fort Leavenworth: History of Missile Defense in the
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Events are free to the public and will be located at the
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The Garrison Command Team and Frontier Heritage Communities
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5 Oct 2026 (1630-1730)

Stop #1 Pawnee: Hunt Ct. Cul-De-Sac (Approximately 1640- 1700)

Stop #2 Shawnee: Hatch St./ 1st Cavalry Rd. (Approximately 1710-1730)



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Main Post Walking Town Hall

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Stop #1 3rd Auger Ave. Near Home #210 (Approximately 1640- 1700)

Stop #2 Sumner Pl. Near Home 2 Sumner (Approximately 1710-1730)



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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)



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

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!

Painting Studio

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!

Framing Studio

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

OFFERINGS

-At The Studio-

- Custom & DIY Framing
- Diplomas/Promotion Certs
- 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
4th Saturdays 9am-2pm

Website

leavenworth.armymwr.com

Email

ArtsAndCraftsFortLeavenworth@gmail.com

Location

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

Phone

(913) 684-3373



The Fort Leavenworth
Frame Studio



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

Come see us!

Arts & Crafts Studio
310 McPherson Ave
(913) 684-3373

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
Photography Prints
Graduation Certificates
Engravings/Engravings
Restoration

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

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.

Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST!
It's time to show off your community pride and help make our neighborhoods look their absolute best!

Here is everything you need to know to participate:

- 1. HOW TO PARTICIPATE**
 - Nominate your yard or a neighbor's by the 20th of each month.
 - Submit via DM or comments with address and picture.
- 2. HOW TO VOTE**
 - Look for our special monthly voting post after submissions close.
 - Simply 'Like' the photos of the yards you love most!
- 3. HOW TO WIN**
 - The top three yards with the most 'Likes' win!
 - Prizes: official lawn sign, feature on our Facebook, and a \$25 Scooters Gift Card.

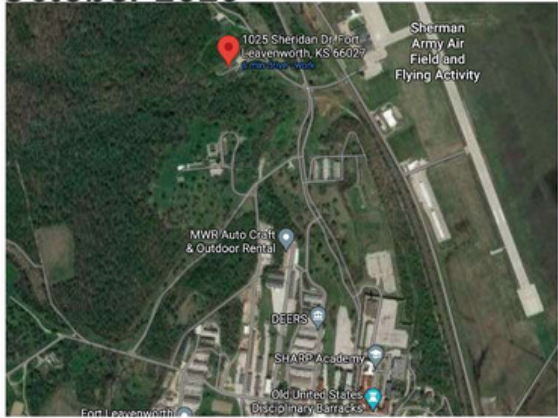
* Holiday decor 1 month/30 days prior to holiday and removed two weeks after. NO rooftop decorations.

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

Fort Leavenworth Thrift Store
Open – Saturday, 3 October 2026

- Location: 1025 Sheridan Drive, Building 1049
- Phone: 913-651-6768
- Hours:
 - Monday & Friday: Closed
 - Tuesday-Thursday: 930am-230pm
 - First Saturday of each month: 930am-230pm
 - Consignments taken each day the store is open



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!

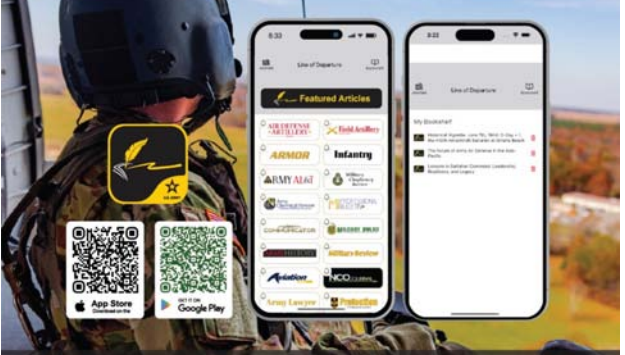
League play starts
Wednesday
Nov 4 - TBD
League awards are given for regular season champions, tournament runner-ups, and tournament champions.

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+
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		
Childcare (6 wks - 3 yrs old) avail from 0815-1230 in Frontier Chapel		
0830-0930	CROSSROADS PROTESTANT TRADITIONAL SERVICE BIBLICAL SERMON SERIES, HYMNS, CHOIR, CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Pre-K-5 th)	PIONEER CHAPEL
0945-1045	SUNDAY SCHOOLS CHILDREN: Pre-K-K, 1 st -2 nd , 3 rd -4 th , 5 th -6 th , 7 th -8 th , 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-5 th)	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 (6 th - 12 th 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

100% Confidential & Faith Informed

Pastoral Counseling Services

(Individual, Couple, & Family)

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

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



To book an appointment scan here:





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>

Looking for Community?

Join Campus Life Military



FB: Ft. Leavenworth Club - Campus Life Military

IG: @campuslifeportleavenworth

Samantha Odle

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

YOU'RE INVITED

Hope for the Heartland

and Beyond

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

An Experience Presented By
YOUTH FOR MILITARY CHRIST



10.29.2026



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

TIME

VENUE

ADDRESS

29 October 2026

6:30pm-8:00pm
Doors open at 6:00pm

Riverfront Community Center

123 S Esplanade St.
Leavenworth, KS 66048



yfcilitary.org

Hope for the Heartland
and Beyond

MUNSON NOTES

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

■ 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.

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

■ **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.

CAN MY CHILD
GET A FLU SHOT
OCT. 2?

YES!

TRICARE beneficiaries ages 6 months and older

Friday, Oct. 2 • Noon–4 p.m.

Frontier Chapel

Munson Army Health Center

POLICY
UPDATE

OUTSIDE LABS

Effective Oct. 1, 2026, the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Services will no longer accept orders (written, printed or electronic) from outside providers. Laboratory tests, when ordered by an outside provider as part of a TRICARE 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.

OVARIAN CANCER
AWARENESS

Pay attention to changes that are not normal for you.

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

Know your body. Speak up about changes.

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/>.