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SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS

CEO emphasizes AER capabilities



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. (Tony) Grinston, chief executive officer of Army Emergency Relief, shares examples of some of the ways soldiers and their families have been helped by AER, emphasizing the need for leaders to know how they can use AER to help their soldiers, as well as for soldiers themselves to understand when AER could help prevent debt and hardship, during his visit with local AER representatives and other community members May 5 at Marshall Lecture Hall in the Lewis and Clark Center.

by Prudence Siebert/Editor

Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. (Tony) Grinston, chief executive officer of Army Emergency Relief, emphasized the capabilities of AER, in lieu of an AER donation briefing, as he addressed local AER campaign representatives and other community members during his visit to Fort Leavenworth May 5.

Grinston said AER loans and grants can help soldiers reduce or avoid debt and hardship in many situations.

“It’s really heartbreaking that people will suffer,”

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Fallen soldiers Harrison, Sabalu remembered at Correctional Officers Week luncheon

by Prudence Siebert/Editor

Army Corrections Brigade soldiers and employees assembled for a prayer luncheon to observe National Correctional Officers and Employees Week May 6 at the Frontier Conference Center.

Guest speaker retired Lt. Col. Peter Grande, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks historian, said the week recognizes the contributions of workers who ensure the custody, safety and well-being of inmates, and that the luncheon provided the opportunity for the ACB teammates to break bread with their fellow correctional workers and to remember those in the profession who have passed on.

Grande paid tribute in his remarks to two Fort Leavenworth-connected fallen soldiers,

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RIGHT: Retired Lt. Col. Peter Grande, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks historian, pays tribute to two Fort Leavenworth-connected fallen soldiers, Col. James Harrison Jr. and Master Sgt. Wilberto Sabalu Jr., who were killed in 2007 while serving in Afghanistan, during his remarks for the National Correctional Officers and Employees Week Prayer Luncheon May 6 at the Frontier Conference Center.



Bradley 5th-grader wins art contest

by Stronghold Food Pantry

Stronghold Food Pantry wrapped up Month of the Military Child with the announcement of the winner of its Military Kid Art Contest.

Josephine Douglass, a fifth-grader at Bradley Elementary School, created the winning artwork that will be featured on Stronghold’s 2026 Hunger Buster Pack bags.

Hunger Buster Packs are drawstring bags filled with protein-rich snacks, complex carbohydrates and easy pop-top meals to help military children stay nourished during long school breaks — because hunger doesn’t take a break for summer, Labor Day, Thanksgiving or any other

holiday.

Fort Leavenworth, like many other military installations, has Title I schools, which means many military families are facing financial hardship. Title I schools serve communities where a high percentage of students come from low-income households.

Stronghold stands with military children — to support them, nourish them and build lasting connections — and is honored to showcase Josephine’s artwork as a symbol of that mission.

The Hunger Buster Pack program is supported by the Fort Leavenworth Thrift Shop through the shop’s community assistance grants program.



Artwork by Josephine Douglass

AT A GLANCE

■ Military families PCSing or travelling to certain areas, especially West Texas, should check with the local health department at their destination for **CURRENT MEASLES OUT-BREAK STATUS**. Supplementary measles vaccines might be needed for infants 6-11 months old and anyone not fully vaccinated. To connect with a health care provider or for more information, contact Munson Army Health Center at 913-684-6250.

■ Army Community Service will offer goodies for **SPOUSE APPRECIATION** from 10 a.m. to noon May 9 at the Post Exchange.

■ The Friends of the Frontier Army Museum **NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM** is 5:30-7 p.m. May 9. Sign up for a tour at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhDbDgkR_ZRxEt6rNFFy52qlwa2pAmO8l1Y-y9EoStod73nw/viewform.

■ The **HISTORIC HOMES TOUR**, presented by the Fort Leavenworth Spouses’ Club, is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 10. Visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/bourbon-night> to purchase tickets.

■ SKIES Unlimited Curtain Call will perform the musical **“SEUSSICAL JR.”** at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 10 in the Old Patton Junior High School auditorium near Grant Gate. The performances are free but seating is limited to 200 — first-come, first-served. Call 913-684-3207 for more information.

■ The **NAF PROPERTY SALE** is 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 15 and 16 at 801 Riley Road. Call 913-684-2726/2727 for more information.

■ The **KIDS’ FISHING DERBY** starts at 9-11 a.m., with registration starting at 8 a.m. and award ceremony at 11:30 a.m., May 24 at Merritt Lake. Rod and Gun Club members’ children fish for free; non-member cost is \$3. Age groups include 4 years and under, 5-6 years old, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-15.

■ Soldiers, families, retirees and civilians are encouraged to get and stay fit during the annual **STRONG B.A.N.D.S.** (Balance, Activity, Nutrition, Determination and Strength) promotion offered in May. Strong B.A.N.D.S. promotes healthy, active lifestyles for Army communities. Activities include a **SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** with games 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in May at Doniphan Field — letters of intent were due April 30; a **KICKBALL TOURNAMENT** from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 17 and 18 at Gruber Field — letters of intent are due May 7; and a **DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 24 at the Disc Golf Course by Camp Conestoga — to register, visit Gruber Fitness Center or call 913-684-5120. Events are free and open to service members, family members, retirees and civilians. Call 913-684-3224/5136 for more information.

■ Army Community Service’s **SMOOTH MOVE WORKSHOP** provides pre-departure and destination information on relocation and travel entitlements, installation and community information, financial concerns, employment opportunities and more. The workshop is available upon request for one-on-one, families, units or groups of spouses/families. For more information or to schedule, call 913-684-2800.

■ **GRIFFIN GARDENS GREENHOUSE** is closed until further notice. Check the USDB Sales Store Facebook page for updates.

■ The **COMBINED ARMS RESEARCH LIBRARY HOURS** through July 3 are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed federal holidays, and the third floor is available by appointment.

Driscoll, George send letter to force describing transformation initiative

by Secretary of the Army Dan Driscoll and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Randy A. George

Army Leaders, Battlefields across the world are changing at a rapid pace. Autonomous systems are becoming more lethal and less expensive. Sensors and decoys are everywhere. Dual-use technologies are continuously evolving and outpacing our processes to defeat them. To maintain our edge on the battlefield, our Army will transform to a leaner, more lethal force by adapting how we fight, train, organize and buy equipment.

Consistent with the Secretary of Defense directive dated April 30, 2025, the Army is implementing a comprehensive transformation strategy — the Army Transformation Initiative (ATI). This initiative will reexamine all requirements and eliminate unnecessary ones, ruthlessly prioritize fighting formations to directly contribute to lethality, and empower leaders at echelon to make

hard calls to ensure resources align with strategic objectives. To achieve this, ATI comprises three lines of effort: deliver critical warfighting capabilities, optimize our force structure and eliminate waste and obsolete programs. Visit <https://media.defense.gov/2025/May/01/2003702281/-1/-1/1/ARMY-TRANSFORMATION-AND-ACQUISITION-REFORM.PDF> to read the directive.

Deliver warfighting capabilities

ATI builds upon our Transformation in Contact (TiC) effort, which prototypes organizational changes and integrates emerging technology into formations to innovate, learn, refine requirements and develop solutions faster. We will introduce long-range missiles and modernized unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into formations, field the M1E3 tank, develop the future long-range assault aircraft, and close the counter small unmanned aircraft systems (C-sUAS) capability gap. Command and control nodes will

integrate artificial intelligence to accelerate decision-making and preserve the initiative. Agile funding, which shifts from program-centric to capability-based portfolios, will increase timely equipment fielding and accelerate innovation cycles. Adaptation is no longer an advantage — it's a requirement for survival.

Optimize force structure

Our focus is on filling combat formations with soldiers. Every role must sharpen the spear or be cut away. We are eliminating 1,000 staff positions at Headquarters, Department of the Army. To further optimize force structure, Army Futures Command and Training and Doctrine Command will merge into a single command that aligns force generation, force design and force development under a single headquarters. Forces Command will transform into Western Hemisphere Command through the consolidation of Army North and Army South. Multi-Domain Task Forces will

align with theater headquarters to operate under relevant authorities. We will trim general officer positions to streamline command structures and revise civilian talent management policies to prioritize performance.

We will also restructure Army Aviation by reducing one aerial cavalry squadron per Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) in the active component, and we will consolidate aviation sustainment requirements and increase operational readiness. We will convert all Infantry Brigade Combat Teams to Mobile Brigade Combat Teams to improve mobility and lethality in a leaner formation. We are trading weight for speed, and mass for decisive force.

Eliminate waste and obsolete programs

We will cancel procurement of outdated crewed attack aircraft such as the AH-64D Apache Longbow, excess ground vehicles like the High Mobility, Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV/Humvee) and Joint

Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV), and obsolete unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) like the Gray Eagle. We will also continue to cancel programs that deliver dated, late-to-need, overpriced or difficult-to-maintain capabilities. Yesterday's weapons will not win tomorrow's wars.

This is a first step. We have already directed a second round of transformation efforts to be delivered in the coming months.

Leaders, we need you to drive change to ensure we stay lethal, ready and continue to build cohesive teams that take care of our soldiers and families. Our Army must transform now to a leaner, more lethal force by infusing technology, cutting obsolete systems and reducing overhead to defeat any adversary on an ever-changing battlefield. Our continuous transformation is underpinned by strong, agile leaders who act on their initiative. This we'll defend.

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Bassett family honored by Armed Forces Financial Network

by Stronghold Food Pantry Press Release

COMMENTARY

As Military Appreciation Month this May shines a spotlight on the sacrifices and service of military families, the Bassett family of Fort Leavenworth is being recognized for making an impact.

“Do good. Be the good. Spread kindness,” isn't just a motto for Monica Bassett, military spouse, mother of two, and founder and CEO of the Fort Leavenworth-based Stronghold Food Pantry, and the Stronghold team, it's a way of life. That spirit is why Armed Forces Financial Network, which has invested more than \$5.1 million in military causes through its Matching Grant Program, selected the Bassetts as this year's featured military family, and Monica Bassett has been named the 2025 “face” of the AFFN Matching Grant Program. This national recognition honors Bassett's dedication to supporting military families facing food insecurity — a mission that began with a single, heartbreaking social media post.

In 2021, while stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, Bassett saw a neighbor's desperate plea online — she was digging through trash cans for food. That moment changed everything.

Determined to help, Bassett began providing food from her own garage. When her family moved to Fort Leavenworth in 2022, an employee with Armed Forces Insurance approached Bassett with an incredible opportunity: AFI wanted to help if she was

interested in recreating her grassroots effort at her new post. With AFI's support, Bassett's passion evolved into Stronghold Food Pantry — a welcoming, judgment-free space where military families could find not just groceries, but community, dignity and support.

Now operating across 17 states and four countries, Stronghold has distributed more than 72,500 pounds of food and \$35,000 in essential supplies in the past year alone. Innovative programming — including the Ambassador Program, Hunger Buster Initiative and Stronghold U — addresses more than hunger, equipping families with knowledge, resources and hope.

Each week, Stronghold supports an average of 90 military-connected individuals, and its award-winning Ambassador Program — honored as a national top-five initiative by the Fisher House Foundation — continues to grow.

“Representing this year's campaign is deeply personal,” Bassett said. “It's about honoring every military family that's ever felt unseen or unheard. At Stronghold, we see you. We're here for you. We are you.”

For more information, visit www.strongholdfoodpantry.org. See page B2 for Stronghold Food Pantry's calendar, hours and program information.



Submitted photo by Monica Bassett/Stronghold Food Pantry

Lt. Col. Gregory Bassett, Mission Command Training Program; Monica Bassett, CEO and founder of Stronghold Food Pantry; and their children, Sofia and Amelia — seen here Dec. 25, 2024, at the Fort Leavenworth Dining Facility where Gregory was helping serve the meal — have been chosen as 2025 Armed Forces Financial Network's Matching Grant Program featured military family.

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OPSEC Awareness Month serves as reminder to safeguard mission

by Kristen Pittman/U.S. Army Security Assistance Command Public Affairs

This May, the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command observes OPSEC Awareness Month, shining a spotlight on the critical need to protect sensitive information from adversaries to ensure the success of the USASAC mission and the safety of personnel across the globe.

“OPSEC awareness should not be limited to a month; it is a year-round security process that safeguards our organization and people from harm and ensures mission success by reducing risk and promoting a culture of security,” said David DeSantis, US-ASAC deputy chief of staff.

At USASAC, OPSEC holds great significance. As

the Army’s lead organization for managing Foreign Military Sales, USASAC must protect not only advanced military technologies but also the sensitive details surrounding cases with allies and partners.

“Being in the FMS business, vigilant OPSEC awareness is critical for the protection of sensitive information and preventing nefarious entities from gaining an advantage,” DeSantis said. “Of equal importance is safeguarding information from being exploited, such as project details, timelines and vulnerabilities.”

OPSEC observances help participants understand the consequences of security lapses and how to prevent them.

“Exercises and obser-

vances will reveal potential weaknesses that enemies may identify, ultimately reducing the risk of breaches and security incidents,” DeSantis said. “These are necessary preventative measures.”

The relevance of OPSEC is even more urgent in light of evolving threats. As US-ASAC Security Manager George Lawrence points out, the 2025 Annual Threat Assessment highlights how adversaries are using disruptive technologies like artificial intelligence and advanced cyber capabilities to target sensitive information.

“USASAC has a unique mission, and I would assess that our employees are targets of foreign intelligence services,” Lawrence said. “The three weapons we

have in our arsenal to combat this are education, vigilance and reporting.”

OPSEC Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to refresh best practices and address common pitfalls. According to Lawrence, among the most frequent violations are complacency-driven mistakes — ignoring the "need-to-know" rule, neglecting physical security measures, and failing to properly protect critical information.

Personnel are encouraged to report suspected violations to their security office, supervisors or covering counterintelligence agents. Immediate reporting ensures vulnerabilities are addressed before they can be exploited.

It’s natural for members of the workforce to feel fa-

tigued by the steady drumbeat of security observances throughout the year, whether it’s Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October, Insider Threat Awareness in September, or Antiterrorism Awareness in August; however, OPSEC is different.

“OPSEC is an integral part of the protection landscape and not only complements but is the foundation of the other security disciplines,” Lawrence said. “Without strong OPSEC, efforts in cybersecurity, insider threat prevention and antiterrorism would be weakened.”

Beyond the office, it is important to recognize that OPSEC is not just a professional obligation — it extends into everyday life. Originally developed for

military application, OPSEC practices now help protect families and individuals at home. Vigilance in both personal and professional contexts creates a security culture that is essential to defending the nation’s interests.

OPSEC Awareness Month is a reminder that security is a collective responsibility. Every member of the Army team plays a vital role in protecting critical information. By maintaining vigilance, promptly reporting concerns, and fostering a strong culture of security, continued mission success and the safety of those who serve can be assured.

Security isn’t complete without “U.” Stay alert, stay engaged, and help protect the mission.

Rotary Club initiative to support veterans

by Working for Veterans KC, Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza Press Release

KANSAS CITY MISSOURI — The Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, along with its Working for Veterans KC Satellite Club, is launching a new project to provide essential support for veterans participating in rehabilitation programs at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Leavenworth, Kansas. Funded through a \$2,100 District 6040 Grant, the initiative will de-

liver hygiene kits to residents of the Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program.

The domiciliary serves veterans who are working to meet program requirements as part of their participation in specialized court programs. Many arrive at the facility with limited personal belongings, making immediate access to hygiene products a critical need. The hygiene kits — including duffle bags, personal care items, laundry supplies, notebooks and water bottles — are intended to help residents focus on

their recovery and personal development without additional hardships.

“This project allows us to support veterans at a crucial time, providing them with basic necessities so they can concentrate on moving forward,” said Cassy Venters, the grant manager for the Kansas City-Plaza Rotary Club. “It reflects our continued commitment to service and to honoring those who have served our nation.”

Rotary Club members will play a direct role in the project by pur-

chasing supplies, assembling the hygiene kits, and distributing them to participants, while observing the privacy guidelines required by the program.

“Providing these kits for veterans in need is an exercise in generosity,” said Gary Phillips, secretary for the satellite club. “But for the grace of God any one of us could be where they are today.”

Beyond improving daily living conditions, the project supports broader goals of promoting well-being, encouraging positive per-

sonal outcomes and strengthening the community at large. By ensuring veterans have what they need during this transitional period, the Rotary Club hopes to contribute meaningfully to their success and reintegration.

The project is scheduled for completion by May 25, with the actual packing of the bags beginning at 9 a.m. May 17 at the VA Domiciliary in Leavenworth.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza and its service efforts, visit <https://www.kcplazararotary.org/>.

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Catholic Women of the Chapel



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rededicate memorial garden on May Day



The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Garden in the Pioneer Chapel courtyard was originally dedicated by the Catholic Women of the Chapel in 2015 and rededicated by CWOC May 1. A Mary statue was added to the garden, as well as newly planted flowers and herbs. "The garden serves as a place for hope and healing for those who loved and lost a little one," CWOC President Stephanie Douglass said. "Anyone in the community is welcome at any time to visit this peaceful space."



Chaplain (Maj.) Arek Ochalek says a prayer and blessing during the Catholic Women of the Chapel memorial garden rededication event May 1 in the Pioneer Chapel courtyard. Father Ochalek also blessed the garden and Mary Gardens made by the members with holy water.



Catholic Women of the Chapel planted personal Mary Gardens, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, during the organization's May Day dedication of the memorial garden at Pioneer Chapel. CWOC President Stephanie Douglass said Mary Gardens can be small, personal shrines, or large and elaborate, and they typically feature a statue of Mary. Chosen flowers symbolize Mary's Christian virtues, such as lilies for purity, roses for beauty, and marigolds for glory. Douglass said Mary Gardens also call the viewer to appreciate the beauty of God's creation, and are intended to elicit a sense of peace and reflection. The history of Mary Gardens goes back to the Middle Ages as a way to honor the mother of Jesus, to help teach the Catholic faith through oral tradition, and to create a beautiful environment for prayer.



Mary Bakken, with baby Eleanor, plants a Mary Garden during the Catholic Women of the Chapel memorial garden rededication event May 1 in the Pioneer Chapel courtyard. The Catholic church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so members of CWOC planted their own Mary Gardens, a tradition of planting devotional flower and herb gardens that is centuries old and intended to facilitate reflection, meditation and prayer.



Catholic Women of the Chapel members Rachel Savoie, Shawn Shumate, Janel Rambo, Kelly Weiss and Monica Hinkle select plants for their Mary Gardens during the CWOC memorial garden rededication event May 1 in the Pioneer Chapel courtyard. The Catholic church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so members of CWOC planted their own Mary Gardens, a tradition of planting devotional flower and herb gardens that is centuries old and intended to facilitate reflection, meditation and prayer. Members of CWOC also rededicated the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Garden, which was originally dedicated by CWOC in 2015. During the rededication event, a Mary statue was added to the memorial garden, and new flowers and herbs were planted in the garden bed.

MAHC Radiology X-rays K9 patient

Fort Leavenworth Veterinary Treatment Facility Animal Care Specialist Staff Sgt. Jordan Holloway and Whiteman Air Force Base (Missouri) Veterinary Clinic Animal Care Specialist Staff Sgt. Nicole Meyer position Military Working Dog Yenky for an X-ray as Munson Army Health Center Radiology Specialist Sgt. Joseph Stoops waits April 24 at MAHC. MWD Yenky, part of the 509th Security Forces Squadron at Whiteman, was at the Fort Leavenworth VTF for a dental appointment, and while still sedated he was also X-rayed for hip dysplasia. Normally MWDs can be X-rayed at the VTF, but the VTF's X-ray machine was inoperable the day of Yenky's visit, so the machine at MAHC was used.

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Grinston said. “I put myself into debt; I was strained at work; I didn’t know you had a program like this.’... So, we have all these programs to help people, but it does nothing if nobody knows about them.”

Grinston said AER helps soldiers with basic needs (e.g., house, car), care in crisis (e.g., hurricanes, floods), health and wellness (e.g., healthcare bills TRICARE doesn’t cover, overseas hospitals requiring upfront payment), separation/transition (e.g., SkillBridge travel), and family support.

AER funds are awarded to the soldier, but in one category — domestic violence — spouses can apply for a grant to escape a dangerous situation. If restricted reporting, Grinston said the soldier won’t be contacted, nor, in some cases, the garrison commander.

“That’s a case where spouses can get assistance without going through the service member; unfortunately, that’s about the only case.”

Grinston said when he talks with spouses, they tell

him they weren’t aware of the extent of AER’s assistance.

“We’ve got progressive child care; we’ve got scholarships,” he said, referencing some of the ways AER can help families. “If you PCS and go to a high-rent district and you can’t afford your first month’s rent, you can’t afford that safety deposit, AER helps — 50 percent loan and 50 percent grant.”

AER primarily helps active-duty soldiers, but the Army’s non-profit organization also helps National Guard and Reserve soldiers, Army retirees and retiree surviving spouses. Grinston said AER has helped soldiers E9 and below and officers O6 and below.

“No major in the United States Army wants to say ‘I am struggling financially,’ and neither does a sergeant major, but you’re still struggling. You can come to us for help.”

He made the point that commanders can be heroes by authorizing AER funds when they have a soldier in need. In addition to funds being authorized by AER

officers, Grinston said command team captains and first sergeants can help struggling soldiers by authorizing \$2,000 in AER funds, and garrison commanders can approve \$5,000.

AER officers are often financial planners as well who can help beyond the immediate issue, assisting with a budget and more. In addition, AER offers credits up to \$500 on existing loans to soldiers who complete and pass financial literacy training. To explore the option, visit <https://www.financialfrontline.org/tools-and-resources/educational-videos/>.

Following Grinston’s sharing of AER assistance examples, briefing attendees talked with him about several issues during a question-and-answer session.

“Most of the time, when we get an AER brief, it’s about donations; it has nothing to do with capabilities,” retired Lt. Col. Greg Sanders, operations officer for the Command and General Staff School, told Grinston. “I believe, if we knew all of the capabilities, we’d



Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. (Tony) Grinston, chief executive officer of Army Emergency Relief, talks with Army Community Service Program Manager Reagan Sawyer, Financial Readiness Program Manager/AER Officer JoJo Woods and other local AER representatives and community members during his visit to Fort Leavenworth May 5 at Marshall Lecture Hall in the Lewis and Clark Center. For more information about the ongoing AER Campaign and the assistance offered, contact Woods at josephine.woods3.civ@army.mil or 520-716-4951, or visit <https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/programs/army-emergency-relief-aer>.

certainly have more people here that can understand what AER has done for soldiers, their families.”

Sanders told Grinston the campaign would be more effective if the narrative could change from the anticipated donation request to showing how AER is helping soldiers and their families. He said his contributions to AER have been influenced by his own story of receiving assistance as a second lieutenant when he wasn’t paid for six months due to a paperwork error.

Grinston said he is trying to reach as many people in person as possible about AER capabilities, in addition to the videos, flyers and other ways AER information is being shared.

For more information on Army Emergency Relief, visit <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/>.

For more information on the Financial Readiness Program, visit <https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/programs/acs/financial-readiness>.

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Col. James Harrison Jr. and Master Sgt. Wilberto Sabalu Jr., who were killed in 2007 while serving in Afghanistan.

“They were assassinated by a rogue Afghan soldier standing guard outside the vehicle gate of the Pul-e-Charkhi prison,” Grande said. “These USDB corrections and detention subject matter experts were members of the Detainee Capabilities Directorate, Combined Security Transition Command. Their mission was to train, equip and mentor the Afghan National Detainee Guard Force.”

Grande said both Harrison and Sabalu volunteered to serve in Afghanistan.

“Colonel Harrison was serving as the director of the School of Command Preparation at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College when he pulled back his retirement paperwork and volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan,” Grande said. “Master Sergeant Sabalu was serving with the Total Army School System Regional Coordinating Element, Fort Monroe, Virginia, with duty at the U.S. Army Military Police School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, when he volunteered.”

On that fateful Sunday afternoon in 2007, Harrison and Sabalu left the prison’s vehicle gate accompanied by Maj. Christopher Glover, Air Force 1st Lt. Morgan Ellison and an Afghan interpreter, with Sabalu driving the first vehicle with Glover as passenger and Ellison driving the second with Harrison and the interpreter as passengers.

“The rogue Afghan soldier with an AK-47 started shooting at the first vehicle to stop it, wounding Major Glover and killing Master Sgt. Sabalu. He then engaged the second vehicle, wounding First Lieutenant Ellison and killing his mission target of Colonel Harrison,” Grande said. “Other Afghan soldiers on duty were alerted to the firing, and when they saw what transpired, they returned fire at the rogue sentry, killing him.”

Glover and Ellison were treated for gunshot wounds and transported to another base for surgery. Harrison and Sabalu were pronounced killed in action.

Harrison was a military brat who went on to become a U.S. Military Academy graduate. Among his assignments, he served as the USDB commandant from 2004-2006. He was survived by his wife Penni and sons Braden, Ross and Joshua.

Sabalu was born in New York City and grew up in Chicago. Grande said Sabalu served as a correctional specialist in Korea and Panama, but made his mark and earned his professional reputation at the



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Retired Lt. Col. Peter Grande, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks historian, pays tribute to Col. James Harrison Jr. and Master Sgt. Wilberto Sabalu Jr., who were killed in 2007 while serving in Afghanistan, during his remarks for the National Correctional Officers and Employees Week Prayer Luncheon May 6 at the Frontier Conference Center.

USDB as a team and squad leader and a member of special reaction and military police investigation teams. He said Sabalu was about three weeks away from ending his tour in Afghanistan to return to Fort Leavenworth to serve as a first sergeant for the 705th Military Police Battalion. He was survived by his wife Sgt. 1st Class Amy Sabalu and children Joshua and Nadia.

On Nov. 1, 2007, a road inside the Old USDB complex was dedicated in memory of Harrison. On Sept. 28, 2010, a road that passes by the ACB battalion headquarters buildings in the Military Corrections Complex was named to honor Sabalu. Two housing complexes at Camp Eggers in Kabul, Afghanistan, were named after them in 2007, and in 2009, Camp Sabalu-Harrison at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, was dedicated in their memory.

Grande thanked the corrections professionals present and urged them to be safe.

“I personally want to thank all of you who work inside the wire of both the USDB and Midwest (Joint Regional Correctional Facility). Your job is routine but can be challenging — life behind the wire can go from zero to 100 in a few seconds, and when you only have time to react, you react based on the training from (standard operating procedures) and post orders,” Grande said, referencing a recent incident when ACB correctional professionals did just that.

Col. Doug Curtis, ACB commander, thanked Grande for reminding everyone about Harrison and Sabalu and emphasizing the risk associated with the profession.

“I do think it can be taxing on us men-



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ABOVE LEFT: Outgoing U.S. Disciplinary Barracks Commandant Col. James Harrison Jr., right, passes his pager on to incoming USDB Commandant Col. Mark Inch as he makes his way to the podium for his remarks during the USDB change of command June 21, 2006, on Main Parade at Fort Leavenworth.

ABOVE RIGHT: Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Jackson of the Army Training and Leader Development Panel pins Staff Sgt. Wilberto Sabalu Jr. with the Army Commendation Medal during Sabalu’s induction into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Dec. 6, 2001, in Depuy Auditorium at Fort Leavenworth.

Harrison and Sabalu were killed in 2007 while serving in Afghanistan. Roads on Fort Leavenworth were dedicated in their names in 2007 and 2010. See related stories below and on page A9.

tally, it can be taxing on us physically, and again, by our chosen profession ... given the authority by our nation to take lives in the profession of arms or to take away freedoms ... it can be taxing on you spiritually as well,” Curtis said. “Opportunities to come together here and hear a benediction and invocation by our chaplains help us

nurture that, whatever your chosen spiritual lane is.”

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeremy Williams, deputy director of Pastoral Care, provided the invocation for the luncheon, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Todd Cheney, director of Pastoral Care, provided the benediction.

FROM THE LAMP

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Archives

Street honors former USDB commandant

by Tisha Swart-Entwistle/Former Staff Writer

The 47th commandant of the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks was honored with the dedication of a road named in his honor during a ceremony behind the walls of the old USDB Nov. 1, 2007.

Col. James W. Harrison Jr. was killed May 6, 2007, in Afghanistan while serving as director of the Detainee Capabilities Directorate, Combined Security Transition Command. His last assignment at Fort Leavenworth had been as the director of the School of Command Preparation at the Command and General Staff College. Just before that assignment Harrison was commandant of the USDB.

Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Commander Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV said it is a military tradition to honor individuals who have made a lasting contribution to the nation by naming streets and buildings after them. Caldwell compared Harrison Drive to other places on the installation like Grant Avenue, Hancock Avenue and MacArthur Elementary School.

“Today Col. James W. Harrison joins some of the most important and courageous names in our history,” Caldwell said.

Caldwell said it was fitting to dedicate the road inside the walls of the old USDB as it is one of the most well known and historic landmarks of the Military Police

Corps and Fort Leavenworth.

“It is altogether appropriate that a career military police officer, a pioneer in his own right, has a road that is located inside this original and historic site at the USDB named for him,” Caldwell said.

During Harrison’s time as commandant, he simultaneously prepared units for deployment to combat and ran the Department of Defense’s only maximum-security prison, Caldwell said. Harrison had planned to retire after leaving the USDB, but decided to stay on active duty, taking the position at CGSC. Harrison was working as a detention policy expert in Afghanistan when he was killed.

Caldwell read part of a letter written by an Afghan brigadier general who was the commandant of the prison where Harrison had been working.

“In that letter the general wrote, ‘We have lost our best friend. I loved him much more than my brothers. All of you must be proud of him, his service and his braveness. It is a great honor to all of us to have a brave hero friend like him,’” Caldwell read.

Caldwell told Harrison’s widow, Penni Harrison, he knew there was nothing that could be done to fill the void left by Harrison’s loss.

“I do want you to know this — that Jim’s sacrifice will always be remembered,” Caldwell said. “We at Fort Leavenworth will re-



File photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Then-Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Commander Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV applauds as Penni Harrison and her sons Braden and Joshua react to the unveiling of the Harrison Drive street sign Nov. 1, 2007, at the Old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks. The family of Col. James W. Harrison Jr. helped with the dedication of the road named to honor the 47th USDB commandant who was killed May 6, 2007, in Afghanistan. The Harrisons’ other son, Ross, was unable to attend the ceremony.

member it; we will not allow him to be forgotten.”

Harrison’s sons Braden and Joshua accompanied their mother and Caldwell to unveil the street sign, and framed replicas of the sign were presented to the family members. The Harrisons’ other son, Ross, was unable to attend the ceremony.

Penni Harrison said her husband had told her numerous times before deploying to Afghanistan that he could not think of a better place to leave his family.

“He knew that we would be well taken care of by the Fort Leavenworth community,” she said. “We never imagined just how much we would end up needing the support of this community.”

Penni Harrison said the support from the surrounding community in the last six months has been unparalleled.

“We could never adequately thank each and every one of you for closing ranks around us and taking care of us, just as Jim knew you would do,” she said.

She said her husband was extremely

proud of being a soldier, and she read an excerpt from a speech her husband gave at the 2005 Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Military Police Ball.

“Our profession has very little to do with financial reward, but has everything to do with contributions. The contributions that you make, money cannot buy. It’s about protecting freedom and a way of life. It’s about making the world safer for your children and your grandchildren. It’s about sacrifice, but it’s also about securing life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. There’s no greater calling when you think of it in those terms. It’s a remarkable calling, and there really is no question about why you serve.”

“Those of you who are fortunate enough to call Jim friend will remember him as an intelligent, quiet and unassuming man,” Penni Harrison said. “You know just how humbled and honored he would be to have this road named after him.”

Road dedicated to corrections NCO

by Melissa Bower/Former Staff Writer

The world may remember Master Sgt. Wilberto Sabalu Jr. for his courage and selfless sacrifice, but his friends remember his smile, his positive attitude and his dedication to helping soldiers.

Sabalu was killed by small arms fire in Afghanistan with Col. James Harrison May 6, 2007. The two soldiers were serving as mentors and experts in detention for the Afghan National Army. Sabalu, who had served as a corrections specialist at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, was assigned to the U.S. Military Police School, and his family was living at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Sabalu is survived by his wife, Amy Sabalu, and two children, Joshua and Nadia, now 13 and 15 (in 2010). Sabalu's sister Elizabeth accepted a ceremonial road sign on the family's behalf.

Sabalu's friends and family and members of the 15th Military Police Brigade joined Fort Leavenworth officials in naming a road in his honor Sept. 28, 2010. The road provides access to the new Joint Regional Correctional Facility.

Col. Wayne A. Green, Fort Leavenworth Garrison commander, said the road is not far from one dedicated in honor of Harrison inside the old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks.

"These two roads less than a mile apart symbolize our deep appreciation of

the lives of two extraordinary men and illustrate our respect to the weight of their names — and in remembrance of their sacrifice — both forever etched as a reminder of their life's work, which was our security," Green said. "It is our hope that every day, those who work here will be reminded of their proud and noble service."

Green read comments from Sabalu's friends and fellow service members.

From Rick Brake: "Wil loved his family so much ... he had family pictures all over his wall in his room and talked about them all of the time. I know he's looking down with that warm smile and watching them every minute of every day. He was so grateful for his wife, Amy, and was so in love with her. We used to sit and talk just about every night for hours on end it seemed, laughing and joking. He couldn't have had a more perfect family."

From Patrick Jones: "I thought he was everything an NCO should be, and I appreciated his demeanor, professionalism, and friendship. Master Sergeant Sabalu was a soldier of many traits who always took the time to teach other people what he knew. He was loved and will be missed by all of us. He, without a doubt, was as good a man out of uniform as well as in uniform — HONORABLE."

Col. Eric Belcher, commander of the 15th MP



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Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Godwin, 15th Military Police Brigade and U.S. Disciplinary Barracks command sergeant major, and Col. Eric Belcher, 15th MP Brigade commander and USDB commandant, present a road sign to Elizabeth Sabalu to honor her brother, Master Sgt. Wilberto Sabalu Jr., during a ceremony dedicating a road by the Joint Regional Correctional Facility and the USDB in the fallen soldier's name Sept. 28, 2010, in front of the JRCF. Master Sgt. Sabalu, who served several years as a corrections specialist at Fort Leavenworth, was killed in Afghanistan in 2007.

Brigade, said he was serving in Afghanistan at the time of Sabalu's death. He said that what Sabalu and Harrison were doing — training and mentoring ANA soldiers — was very important to the security and stability of the region. Belcher said this training helped the Afghan people detain criminals.

"Many soldiers, sailors, Marines, civilians and Afghan soldiers got to know

that great personality called Master Sergeant Sabalu," Belcher wrote. "He was respected by all."

Juan Guzman, now a Department of the Army police officer for Fort Leavenworth, served with Sabalu in Company A, 705th Military Police Battalion. He remembers Sabalu getting involved with adult sports activities on post. Guzman said Sabalu had a great sense of humor and

was always trying to pass his positive attitude onto his soldiers.

"He always looked after the soldiers first," he said. "No matter what."

Maria Kuilan, wife of Angel Kuilan who served with Sabalu at the USDB, remembers taking care of the couple's children. She said his children are her godchildren and the Sabalus also served as her children's godparents.

"His kids were my kids and my kids were their kids, that's what the godparent is all about," she said.

She brought all the children from her in-home daycare, MDRGoose, to witness the ceremony. Kuilan said she still remembers the smile for which Sabalu was so well known.

"Nadia has her dad's smile," she said. "If you saw his picture and her smile, she's just like him."

SecDef tasks Army to transform to leaner, more lethal force

by Shannon Collins/Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth sent out a memo to senior Pentagon leadership addressing Army transformation and acquisition reform April 30.

"The President gave us a clear mission: achieve peace through strength," he said. "To achieve this, the United States Army must prioritize defending our homeland and deterring China in the Indo-Pacific region. Deterring war, and, if required, winning on the rapidly evolving battlefield requires soldiers who are physically and mentally resilient, rigorously trained and equipped with the best technology available."

To build a leaner, more lethal force, Hegseth said the Army must transform at an accelerated pace by divesting outdated, redundant and inefficient programs, as well as restructuring headquarters and acquisition systems.

He said the Army must prioritize investments in accordance with the administration's strategy, ensuring existing resources are prioritized to improve long-range precision fires, air and missile defense including through cyber, electronic warfare and counter-space capabilities.

"I am directing the secretary of the Army to implement a comprehensive transformation strategy, streamline its force structure, eliminate wasteful spending, reform the acquisition process, modernize inefficient defense contracts, and overcome parochial interests to rebuild our Army, re-

store the warrior ethos, and re-establish deterrence," he said.

During a Fox News interview May 1, Secretary of the Army Daniel P. Driscoll said the Army has learned during the conflict in Ukraine that the old way of doing war will no longer suffice.

"President Trump and Secretary Hegseth have empowered the Army to make the hard decisions and hard changes to reallocate our dollars to best position our soldiers to be the most lethal they can be," he said. "These are hard decisions. These are legacy systems that have been around a long time."

As the Army transforms to make a leaner more lethal force, it's meeting its recruiting goals, said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Randy A. George.

"We're up in every category, and we still have our biggest recruiting months ahead of us this summer," George said. "We're more than 90 percent right now. We want to fill our formations. We're getting the people we need. People want to be a part of the Army, and we're looking forward to filling our formations."

"We hit our 12-month retention goal six months into the year because that's how strong our leadership has been so far," Driscoll said. "Soldiers are signing back up to stay in the Army."

Future warfare

Hegseth directed Driscoll to field long-range missiles capable of striking moving land and maritime targets and to achieve electromagnetic and air-littoral dominance by 2027.

He tasked the Army to field

unmanned systems and ground/air launched effects in every division by the end of 2026; and to improve counter-unmanned aerial systems mobility and affordability, integrating capabilities into maneuver platoons by 2026, and maneuver companies by 2027.

"We recently had an exercise with more than 200 drones in a brigade combat team. We're watching what's happening," Driscoll said. "We know we need to change. The American soldier is innovative. They are smart. They are hungry for change."

The secretary wants the Army to enable AI-driven command and control at theater, corps and division headquarters by 2027. The Army needs to extend advanced manufacturing, including 3D printing and additive manufacturing, to operational units by 2026.

The Army will modernize the organic industrial base to generate the ammunition stockpiles necessary to sustain national defense during wartime by implementing 21st-century production capabilities, with full operational capability by 2028.

The Army will increase its forward presence in the Indo-Pacific by expanding pre-positioned stocks, rotational deployments, and exercises with allies and partners to enhance strategic access, basing and overflight.

Eliminating waste

To maximize efficiency, accelerate modernization, and pay for the Army transformation within existing resources, Hegseth said Driscoll will end the procurement

of obsolete systems and cancel or scale back ineffective or redundant programs, including manned aircraft, excess ground vehicles and outdated unmanned aerial vehicles.

The Army will reduce spending on legacy sustainment, including outdated weapons systems and unnecessary climate-related initiatives, Hegseth said.

It will eliminate wasteful contracts and excess travel funding and reassess and optimize Army prepositioned stocks to align with strategic requirements. The Army will modernize language training programs to improve mission effectiveness.

Force structure

To ensure strategic readiness, efficiency and modernization, Hegseth said the Army will restructure at echelon. It will merge headquarters to generate combat power capable of synchronizing kinetic and non-kinetic fires, space-based capabilities, and unmanned systems.

The Army will downsize, consolidate, or close redundant headquarters. It will merge Army Futures Command and Training and Doctrine Command into one command.

"We're cutting headquarters; we're cutting some of the bloat and going after inefficiencies," Driscoll said. "We're completely focused on buying warfighting technologies."

The Army will reduce and restructure manned attack helicopter formations and augment with inexpensive drone swarms capable of overwhelming adversaries.

The Army will divest outdated

formations, including select armor and aviation units across the total Army (active, Reserve, National Guard). It will realign forces strategically to optimize deterrence and rapid deployment, above all to defend the American homeland and deter China in the Indo-Pacific.

As part of workforce modernization and reduction, the Army will prioritize merit and skills needed for today's battlefield across the civilian workforce, Hegseth said.

He revised the civilian hiring and firing policies to enable the Army's ability to manage the civilian workforce. The Army will reduce general officer positions to streamline command structures for the warfighter.

Acquisition reform

To accelerate modernization and acquisition efficiency, Hegseth said Driscoll will identify and propose contract modifications for right-to-repair provisions where intellectual property constraints limit the Army's ability to conduct maintenance and access to appropriate maintenance tools, software and technical data while preserving the intellectual capital of the American industry. It will seek to include right-to-repair provisions in all existing and new contracts.

The Army will reform contracting processes to improve efficiency such as implementing performance-based contracting to reduce waste and expand multi-year procurement agreements when cost-effective.

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by Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs News Release

DALLAS – Military shoppers can deck their furry companions out in their finest red, white and blue and enter for a chance to win a share of \$3,000 in prizes in the Patriot Pet Just Say “Treat” Photo Contest from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Hills Pet Nutrition.

Now through May 31, eligible Exchange shoppers 18 years and older, including honorably discharged veterans and Department of Defense and Coast Guard employees and retirees, can participate in the patriotic-themed pet photo contest.

Shoppers can visit ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes to submit a photo of their pet adorned in a patriotic costume or posing against a patriotic backdrop for a chance to win.

“Pets hold a special place in our hearts,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Rich Martinez, the Exchange’s senior enlisted advisor. “This photo contest is an exciting way to show appreciation to the furry companions whom our soldiers, Airmen, Guardians and military families hold dear.”

Two grand-prize winners will each receive a \$500 Exchange gift card. Eight runners-up will each receive a \$250 gift card. There is no purchase necessary to enter.

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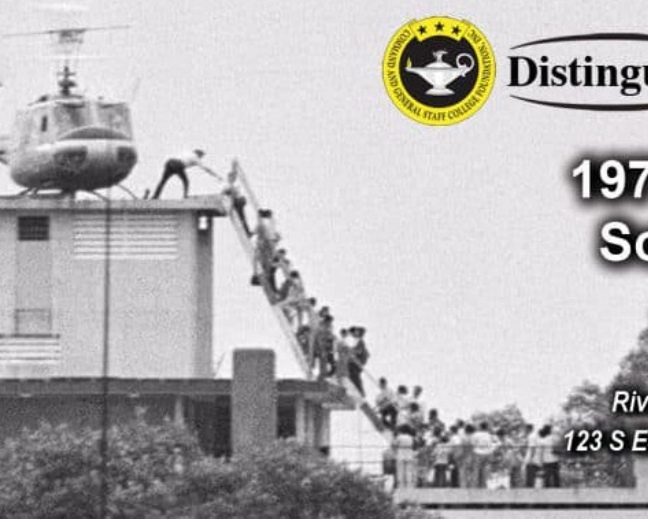


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Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Stronghold Food Pantry! We're grateful for your willingness to contribute your time, talents, and passion to our mission of supporting military families facing food insecurity.

Whether you're looking for remote opportunities—like website administration, grant writing, or donor development—or you'd like to volunteer in-person at our Fort Leavenworth, KS headquarters, there are many impactful ways to get involved.

Submit your application today! Applications are reviewed during our quarterly review periods, and if selected, you'll be contacted ahead of our orientation dates. Orientation is a crucial step in our process as it ensures you're fully prepared to make the greatest impact in your role!

Upcoming Volunteer Orientation Dates:
In-Person Orientation (Fort Leavenworth, KS):
April 1, 2025, 10:00 AM CST
July 8, 2025, 6:00 PM CST
September 9, 2025, 1:00 PM CST
National Online Training:
April 15, 2025, 12:00 PM CST
July 8, 2025, 6:00 PM CST
September 9, 2025, 10:00 AM CST

At Stronghold, we strive to ensure that each volunteer is a great fit for our mission, and that every volunteer experience is meaningful and impactful. We truly appreciate your commitment to serving the military community and look forward to reviewing your application!



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913-683-1443
DoD Safe Help Line
877-955-5247

Sexual Harassment Complaint Reporting Option
Formal | Anonymous | Confidential
Sexual Assault Reporting Option
Restricted | Unrestricted | CATCH-Only
Retaliation Reporting Options
Command | IG | SARC | DoD Safe Helpline | CPAC (DA Civ Only)

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STEP FORWARD: Prevent. Report. Advocate.
Current as of 18 March 2025

Team 1

AAFES, ACS, AFC, ARI, CDID, Cemetery, CID, CPAC, DeCA, DES, DLA, DMPA, FMWR, LRC, MCCoE, MICC, Museum, NEC, PAO, RCI Housing, TDS/SJA, TRAC, USAFMSA, USAG HQ, USASMD, USD 207, and US STAG CMD.

Team 2

CAC HQ, CAC-T HQ, MCTP, NSC, STB, TMD, 505th CCW and 500th/67th MP

Team 3

ACB, MWJRCF, USDB

Team 4

Army U, CGSC, Dental, DLI, MAHC staff, Patients, SAMS, SOF, TRADOC, Veterinarian, and Other Service Staff tenant personnel

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM



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

MAY 2025

Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave, Building 198 ***ACS is closed for lunch from 1130-12:30pm daily**

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

**Call 913-297-3212/ 9704 to register for all NPSP classes & events

Stroller Walk
Tuesdays, 10:00am
Meet in front of
Resiliency Center

Toddler Time
Wednesdays, 9:00am
Resiliency Center
Playroom

Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:00am
Resiliency Center
Room 157

Play Morning
Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am
& 10:00-11:00am
Resiliency Center
Playroom

Wiggles and Giggles

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

TODDLER TIME



Childbirth Series
May 5, 12, 19,
5:00-7:00pm Resiliency
Center
Room 157

Dad's Night Out
May 21, 6:00-8:00pm
Restaurant TBD

Mom's Night Out
May 28, 6:00-8:00pm
Restaurant TBD

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

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

Anger Management:
8 Week Session
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 &
June 12, 19, 26, 1:30pm- 3pm

5 Love Languages of Teens
May 14, 1:00-2:30pm



Stress Management May
15, 11:30am-1:00pm



May 16, 1:00-3:00pm
EFMP Playground
(Behind the Post Theater)
Event for ages 2+



May 16, 1:00-3:00pm

**Navigating the Teen
Years**
May 28, 1:00-2:30pm

SAVE THE DATE!

**Father Daughter Tea
Party**
June 1, 2:00-4:00pm

**Father/Son
Scavenger Hunt**
June 7, 9:00-11:00am



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

<https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/>

<facebook.com/FortLeavenworthACS>

<facebook.com/FortLeavenworthFMWR>

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

Stroller Walk & Talk

Meeting at
The Resiliency Center
600 Thomas Ave
Every Tuesday Morning
March - May
10am - 11am
June - Sept
9am - 10am

This is a **FREE** opportunity to meet other parents of small children, get healthy and socialize all while enjoying the walking paths of Ft. Leavenworth!

Offered to expecting parents and to parents of children through 3 years of age. Must bring your own stroller. Register the day before!

POC 913-297-3212

ACS Family Advocacy New Parents Support Program Presents

Toddler Time Playgroup

- Free toddler play group.
- Open to ages 2-3 years old with adult.
- Offers an introduction to preschool routines, explores educational concepts, and builds social skills through hands on experiences and activities.

Wednesdays @ 9:00am

Located at the Army Community Service Resiliency Center
600 Thomas Ave. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Registration required call or text
913-297-3212 or 913-297-9704

CROCHETING CLUB

Jan 31, Feb 21,
Mar 14, Apr 18, May 16
1pm - 3pm
Room 145
600 Thomas Ave

Come join our Crocheting Club and learn a new skill, or perfect an existing one!

"Stitch" together, connect & create!
Supplies will be provided!
Have a favorite yarn?
You're welcome to bring it!

Please RSVP
one day prior to class
Call 913-684-2808/2800

5 Love Languages of Teenagers

Do you ever feel like you and your teen are speaking another language?

The "5 Love Languages of Teenagers" class is geared toward caregivers that want to communicate with their teens in a way that everyone feels heard, understood, and most importantly loved.

ACS Classroom 145
Feb 12, May 14, Aug 13, Nov 12
1-2:30pm
FREE

Open to all DOD civilians, active duty, and retired military that are caregivers raising teens
Call to register (deadline is day before class)
913-684-2822 / 2808

ACS Family Advocacy New Parents Support Program Presents

Storytime!

Free
Open to ages 3 months - 3 years old with adult.

Join us for storytime to use our imagination and develop a love of books

Storytime fosters early literacy skills, language development, and social growth.

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 am

Located at the Army Community Service Resiliency Center
600 Thomas Ave. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Registration required call or text
913-297-3212 or 913-297-9704

ACS Family Advocacy New Parent Support Program

Play Morning

Thursdays from 9-11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 months – 3 years with Guardian • Resiliency Center

Free play group for ages 3 months - 3 years and their parents/guardians.

Enjoy a large play area with interactive activities, toys and crafts to develop gross and fine motor skills. Play with other kids, meet other parents and learn about healthy childhood development.

WIGGLES & GIGGLES


Fridays 10am - 11am
ACS Playroom
600 Thomas Ave

FREE
Ages 3-12 months
Register by COB Thursday

We wanna go...

Get their wiggles out and join in some baby giggles!
Take a moment to connect with other parents!
Babies learn through play! So let's get on the floor and explore!

For more info or to register call **913-297-3212/ 9704**







Co-Parenting Workshop

Round 1: April 7, 14, 21, 28
Round 2: July 7, 14, 21, 28
Round 3: September 8, 15, 22, 29
@ 12:00pm - 1:00pm
ACS Classroom 145
600 Thomas Ave

Learning to co-parent after a divorce can feel like being on opposite ends of a chasm.

Our four week workshop will show you how to build a bridge that will enhance parenting skills, enrich positive co-parenting, learn to develop and use boundaries, and establish a joint plan for managing expectations about your children's growth, development, and behavior.

FREE and open to all DoD ID holders 18+ Register by calling 913-684-2811/ 2808
Deadline to register is day before class.
Participants are encouraged to attend every class as each session will be different. Ask about virtual options!





Summer Dance Camps

SKIES Building / 320 Pope Ave / Ft. Leavenworth, KS

Make magical memories this summer with our new Ballet Summer Camps!

Can't bear to part with your tutu at the end of Ballerina Tutu Camp? SKIES has a variety of tutus available to purchase for only \$50! Tutu purchase is not required to attend camp, sales are first come, first served

\$36 a Camp
limited spaces
enroll today!

Ballerina Tutu Camp*
June 3 - 5
Bring your own tutu or borrow one from SKIES!
Ages 3 - 4
4:30pm - 5:15pm
Ages 5 - 10
5:30pm - 6:15pm

It's Still Summer Dance Camp
July 29 - 31
No dress code required! Come as you are and get ready to dance!
Ages 3 - 4
4:30pm - 5:15pm
Ages 5 - 10
5:30pm - 6:15pm

Enrollment is open now! Must be registered with Parent Central
Call for more info: 913-684-3207
Leavenworth.armymwr.com



Now offering new classes at SKIES!

Come get a kick out of Tae Kwon Do!

Brand new, fun, and physical classes taught by a certified black belt in Tae Kwon Do.
ENROLLMENT IS OPEN NOW!




Tuesdays & Thursdays
Ages 6 - 12 at 4pm
\$11 a class session (multiplied by number of classes offered in a month) limited space

Ages 6 - 12 at 5pm
Joint class w/ Parent or Guardian
\$22 a class session (multiplied by number of classes offered in a month) limited space
Fee is for one child plus adult, please contact SKIES to add additional children to session at \$11 a child.

Gruber Fitness Center
Martial Arts Room
200 Reynolds Ave
Ft. Leavenworth, KS

Must be registered at Parent Central to attend classes. Classes will remain open until full.
Call for more info: 913-684-3207

Leavenworth.armymwr.com



STRESS Management




May 15, July 17, September 18, November 20
11:30am - 1:00pm
600 Thomas Ave
Room 145

STRESS WEIGHING YOU DOWN?

IT'S TIME TO TAKE BACK CONTROL

WORK
HOME
BILLS
SAVINGS

FREE one-session workshop 18+
No childcare
Deadline to register is day before training. Virtual attendance is available through TEAMS.
For more info: Call 913-684-2808



Father / Daughter Tea Party

June 1, 2025
2 pm - 4 pm
FCC Ballroom

Register by May 23
913-684-2808/ 2822

Please join us for a special Father/ Daughter Tea Party. Dress to impress in business casual, Sunday best, or Dress Blues. There will be Dancing, Refreshments at Tea Time, Commemorative Pictures, and a Surprise to take home!

FREE and open to Active Duty and Retired Military / Recommended Ages 10 and under



FATHER/SON Scavenger Hunt

June 7
0900-1100
Hunt Lodge
800 Wainwright St.
Fort Leavenworth

Looking to get outside and have some fun?

Geared toward Active Duty Dads with sons ages 12 and under, this FREE event celebrates Dads Make a Difference Month.

There will be multiple outdoor stations where fathers can pass on their knowledge of military training to their sons. Together, they will complete physical activities such as low crawling, archery, and a three-legged race!

Wear outdoor play clothes, sunscreen, and bug spray. Water will be provided.

Registration is required/ Call 913-684-2808/ 2822 to register before May 30



MUFFINS With MOM

May 16
1pm - 3pm
EFMP Playground
(Behind the Post Theater)

FREE! Event is for ages 2+

Celebrate Mom in the month of May! Kids can play, plant a seedling to take home, and enjoy a muffin!

All supplies are provided. Please RSVP by May 14
Call 913-684-2808/ 2800



DAD'S NIGHT OUT

2025 DATES:
Jan 22 • Feb 19 • March 19 • April 23
May 21 • June 18 • July 23 • Aug 20
Sept 17 • Oct 22 • Nov 12 • Dec 3

Dad's Night Out is offered by ACS New Parent Support Program for Dads of children 0-3 years of age to get out of the house without the kids and meet at a restaurant. The focus of this event is to improve social connections and get to learn different parts of town.

Time: 6PM • Restaurants TBD

Childcare, food, and drinks are not provided.

For Dads with children 0-3 years old.

For more info: (913) 297-3212 or (913) 684-2800



MOM'S night OUT

This event is offered by ACS New Parent Support Program for Moms of young children to be able to get out of the house without the kids and meet other Moms at a restaurant. The focus of this event is to improve social connections and to learn about different parts of the town.

2025 Dates:
Jan 29 • Feb 26 • March 26 • April 30
May 28 • June 25 • July 30 • Aug 27
Sept 24 • Oct 29 • Nov 19 • Dec 10

Time: 6PM • Restaurants TBD

Childcare, food, and drinks are not provided.

For Moms with children 0-3 years old.

Info: (913) 297-3212 or (913) 684-2800



Teen Employment Workshop



Picking your future career is just one piece of the puzzle.

The Teen Employment Workshop takes the guesswork out of job searching, resume building, and tailoring your skills to the job that you want!

Learn how to fit the pieces together to create an exciting picture of your future career goals!

ACS Classroom
10:00am - 12:00pm
March 14
April 18
May 30
June 28
July 11
August 1

FREE! Registration is required the day before the workshop. For ages 14 - 20
For more info please call 913-684-2800



ACS New Parent Support Prenatal Classes 2025

Childbirth Classes:
Series of three classes
Jan 6th, 13th, 27th
Mar 3rd, 10th, 17th
May 5th, 12th, 19th
July 14th, 21st, 28th
Sep 8th, 15th, 22nd
Nov 3rd, 17th, 24th



Newborn Care Classes:
Feb 3rd
April 7th
June 2nd
August 4th
October 6th
December 1st

Breastfeeding Classes:
February 10th
April 14th
June 9th
August 11th
October 20th
December 8th

Free for Expectant Parents!

600 Thomas Ave
Room 157
All classes are from 5 pm - 7 pm

Deadline for Registration is the Friday before the class. Pre-registration is required.
Contact 913-297-3212



ACS New Parent Support 2025 Potty Training

Are you ready?

Time to lose the diapers?

FREE
For Parents of Children aged 0-4 years
Pre-registration Required
Deadline is Friday before class
Contact 913-297-3212

600 Thomas Ave
Room 157
2/24, 4/28, 6/16, 8/18,
10/27, 12/15
5 pm - 7 pm



Navigating the Teen Years

Feb 19, May 28, Aug 20, Nov 19
@ 1 - 2:30pm

ACS Classroom 145
600 Thomas Ave

One session workshop Available in person or virtual




Ever wish that raising your teen came with an instructional manual?

The Navigating the Teen Years workshop is your guide to the difficult questions.

We'll discuss:

- Teen Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Raising Teens in a Digital Age
- Understanding Social Media
- Teen Sexualized Behaviors

FREE and open to all DoD ID holders 18+ Register by calling 913-684-2811/ 2808
Deadline to register is the day before class.



DoD Safe Helpline

Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community

safehelpline.org | 877-995-5247



ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE ACS Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

Victim Advocate Hotline: (913) 684-2537
Child Abuse Hotline: (913) 684-2111
SHARP Hotline: (913) 683-1443
Chaplain: (913) 683-1443
AER Assistance After Hours:
American Red Cross at (877) 272-7337

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE



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

MAY 2025

Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave, Building 198 ***ACS is closed for lunch from 1130-12:30pm daily**

RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM

In-Processing Brief
Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am

OCONUS Levy Brief
Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am

Hearts Apart Bowling for Families of Deployed Service Members
May 3, 12:00-2:00pm Strike Zone Bowling Center
*Registration Required

PCS SEASON IS HERE!

Smooth Move offered upon request.

Lending Closet

Are you In/Out-Processing and need essentials? ACS has short-term basic items to help you get by.

- kitchenware
- cookware
- small appliances



<https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/>

EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

Resume Writing
May 7, 12:00-2:00pm &
**Evening 5:00-7:00pm

Federal Employment
May 14, 12:00-2:00pm
**Evening 5:00-7:00pm

Interview Skills & Professionalism
May 21, 12:00-2:00pm
**Evening 5:00-7:00pm

Teen Employment
May 30, 10:00am-12:00pm

Visit us on FB @Fort Leavenworth ERP for job postings.

ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS

Volunteer Basics
May 9, 12:00 - 1:00pm

Visit: <https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com> to register for an account and find opportunities to volunteer in the community.

VOLUNTEER



<facebook.com/FortLeavenworthACS>



FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM

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

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP)

*Registration Required for EFMP events

EFMP Refreshing Conversation
May 1, 10:00-11:00am

EFMP Recreational Bowling
May 3, 12:00-2:00pm
Strike Zone Bowling Center

<facebook.com/FortLeavenworthFMWR>

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF (AER)

provides emergency assistance to active duty service members, their families, and retired service members.

For emergency financial assistance, apply at <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/> and call the ACS main line during duty hours to follow up.

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

SOS Paint & Brunch
Saturday, May 10, 2025
10:00am-1:00pm
Resiliency Center/Bldg. 198

Follow SOS@ <https://www.facebook.com/FortLeavenworthSurvivorOutreachServices/>

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

EFMP/ Waiting Families RECREATIONAL BOWLING

Every first Saturday of the month
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Strike Zone Bowling Center
165 Fourth St



Meet other EFMP families! EFMP Recreational Bowling is a fun way to socialize, and sharpen fine motor skills.

All ages welcome!
FREE for the entire family including shoes! Bumpers, bowling ramps, and lightweight bowling balls are available.

Pre-registration is required the Wednesday before the event. Fort Leavenworth Waiting Families, call ACS to reserve your spot!

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



ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE LOAN CLOSET FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS 913-684-2830/2800

Who: All Active Duty, Retiree, DA Civilian and their family members who are either permanent party, TDY or PCSing.

When: M-F 0730-1630

Where: 600 Thomas Avenue (Pull into the Alley behind the ACS building and call the number on the black sign).

Rules: Loans are limited to 30 days for in and out-processing personnel. This can be extended by phone if needed. Checkout of items for an event is limited to 10 days. Customers are responsible for replacing any item that is damaged or lost.

Items available:

Pre-Packed Kitchen Kit:

1 Bowl (mixing)
1 Pitcher
1 Colander
1 Cutting Board
1 Skillet
2 Pots with Lids
4 Plates
4 Bowls
4 Coffee cups
4 Forks
4 Spoons
4 Knives

1 Large Kitchen Knife
4 Steak Knives
1 Peeler
1 Cookie Sheet
2 Serving Spoons
1 Spatula
4 Plastic Glasses
1 Can Opener
1 Set of Measuring Spoons
1 Measuring Cup
1 Pot Holder

Additional Items Available:

Cheese Graters
Pizza Cutters
Spaghetti Servers
Tongs
Whisks
Glass Baking Dishes-Rectangle
Glass Baking Dishes-Circle
Muffin Pans
Hand Mixers
Veggie Steamers
Large Kitchen Knives
Mixing Bowls
Skillets
Pots with Lids

Plates
Bowls
Coffee Cups
Blenders
Coffee Makers
Crock Pots
Toasters
Rice Cookers
Microwaves
Indoor Grills
Electric Skillets
Panini Grills
Plastic Glasses
Utensils

Square Tables
Circle Tables
Folding Chairs
Strollers
Baby Gates
Booster Seats
Cribs
High Chairs
Pack and Play
Laundry Baskets
Sleeping Mats
Irons
Ironing Boards
Trash Cans

ACS Family Advocacy Program Presents:

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Feb 20 • Apr 17 • Jun 12

Aug 21 • Oct 16 • Dec 11

Thursdays from 11:30AM - 1PM
ACS Conference Room, Room 145

Learn how to identify the different kinds of anger and ways anger is expressed. Build skills to deal with strong and destructive behavior and emotions.

FREE and open to DoD ID card holders 18 and above.

Childcare not provided.

Registration is required, and must be done the day before the class.

For more info or to register call, (913) 684-2808/2822



Employment Readiness Program Classes

ACS Classroom • Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave.
Wednesdays • 12PM - 2PM*



Scan QR Code for more info!

Classes are from 12PM - 2PM

Registration is required for evening classes only.

Open to DoD ID card holders.

For more info call:
(913) 684-2800



Financial Readiness Milestone Training

Are you financially prepared for what life throws your way? Let us help! We offer free Financial Readiness Training on a variety of subjects.

Some of the topics we will discuss:

Pre-Deployment
Post-Deployment
PCS
Marriage
Divorce
Vesting in TSP
Promotion
First Child
Continuation Pay
Disabling sickness/injury/condition

Held monthly every
2nd & 4th Thursday @
0900am - 1100am.
Bldg 198 Room 157



INFO: 913-684-2852 / 2800



HEADS UP



We are all trying to get somewhere, so let's pay attention to each other and get places safely!

Here are few tips for pedestrians and drivers to be aware of when traveling on post.



HEADS UP PEDESTRIANS!

- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available
- Look up from your phone and pay attention when approaching a crosswalk
- Watch for vehicles turning left or right before you cross
- Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians
- Wear bright or reflective clothing during reduced visibility so drivers can see you

HEADS UP DRIVERS!

- Put away all distractions and pay attention to the road
- Always look out for pedestrians
- Obey the posted speed limit
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks
- When opening your vehicle door be alert for bicyclists
- When paralleling a sidewalk and making a right turn, be sure to check your right rear

FLKS Garrison Safety Office: usarmyleavenworth.id-training.mbx.safe@army.mil



7 March 2025

Cybercrime Prevention Flyer Government Agency Text Scams

Due to convenience and immediacy in communication offered by text messaging, many people are more likely to readily check these messages and respond quickly to email or answering a phone call. As cybercriminals and scammers are well acquainted with the most effective means to communicate with unsuspecting victims, and due to the proliferation of cell phones (approximately 310 million in the U.S. as of 2024), sending a convincing scam via text can be an effective method for criminal elements to engage unsuspecting individuals. A single reply by one victim can net a cybercriminal hundreds or even thousands of dollars; the potential amounts are even higher with multiple replies.

To add authenticity, scammers often draft a convincing text message purported to come from an official local, state, or federal agency. Some common scam themes include:

- **IRS Scam** – Often seen during tax season, IRS-themed messages request personal information to process a refund or recalculate tax amounts. Payment might be requested to allow the recipient of the text to avoid prosecution or having their social security number cancelled.
- **Social Security Scam** – Frequently targeting older adults, Social Security scammers often revolve around overpayment, suspension of benefits, or requests for additional information necessary for a payment increase.
- **U.S. Postal Service** – Using notification of an incoming package, scammers request recipients to click on a provided link which then leads to a website requesting personal or financial information.
- **Speeding and Parking Ticket Scams** – This scam involves a text indicating recipient's vehicle was exceeding the speed limit or parked illegally, and a citation was issued; it then requests payment to avoid a court appearance.
- **Jury Duty Text Scam** – Seemingly sent from a court with a claim the recipient missed jury duty and is required to pay a fine or provide personal information to avoid jail time or fines.
- **Other Government Agency Scams** – Within a month of the establishment of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), scammers began targeting government personnel with DOGE-themed scams.

Text Scam Protection Tips

- Bear in mind that the IRS does not text taxpayers; the IRS contacts taxpayers through the U.S. Postal Service unless in special circumstances wherein taxpayers would be contacted by phone.
- Do not click on links received in text messages, or reply to text messages, if the sender is unknown or the message looks questionable.

Supervision of Children or Home Alone Policy
Per CAC Supplement to Army Regulation 608-18

** Children with a history of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Developmental Delay, behavioral problems, impulsivity, psychiatric problems or other special needs should not be given the degree of self-management or responsibility allowed in this policy.

HOME ALONE?

- Birth to 9 years old – NEVER
- Ages 10 to 11 – Can be left up to 2 hours with an emergency plan in place and access to an adult (NEVER overnight) but not dropped off at F&MWR without adult supervision
- Ages 12 to 14 – Up to 3 hours with an emergency plan in place and an adult checking on them in person or telephonically (NEVER overnight)
- Ages 15 to 17 – Up to 6 hours (NEVER overnight) with an emergency plan in place and access to an adult

BABYSITTING?

- Birth to 11 years old – NEVER
- Ages 12 to 14 – Must have completed a CYS approved babysitting course. May babysit with an adult checking on them every 3 hours in person or telephonically (NEVER overnight)
- Ages 15 to 17 – Must have completed a CYS approved babysitting course. May babysit up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision (NEVER overnight)

UNATTENDED IN VEHICLE?

- Birth to 9 years old – NEVER
- Ages 10 and older – Yes under normal weather conditions

UNATTENDED OUTSIDE?

- Birth – 4 years – Direct supervision, NEVER LEFT ALONE
- Ages 5 to 6 – Immediate supervision, MUST be within eyesight or hearing distance from supervising adult with the ability to respond to an emergency in 30 seconds
- Ages 7 to 9 – Monitored supervision, If in a playground or yard access to adult supervision at all times
- Ages 10 to 11 – Self-care supervision up to 2 hours with access to adult supervision
- Ages 12 to 14 – Self-care supervision up to 3 hours
- Ages 15 to 17 – Self-care supervision up to 6 hours
- Children 11 and under will not be dropped off at F&MWR activities without adult supervision per policy guidance.
- Kindergarten must be accompanied by an adult to and from school
- 1st Grade and above – May walk to and from school and supervised activities alone
- During school year children 9 & younger must be escorted across heavy traffic roads (i.e., Grant, Hancock and Bidde)

CURFEW (Children must be accounted for by a parent during the following time periods.)
Ages 15 and younger is 2230-0600 hours.
Ages 16 and 17 is 0030-0600 hours.

Questions? Call Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM) at (913) 684-2822, Behavioral Health at (913) 684-6778 or Military Police at (913) 684-2456.

**For a complete Supervision of Children and Home Alone Policy please contact the FAPM.

19 Oct 21



7-13 June 2025

LEAVENWORTH WEEK

Family Retreat
Spring Canyon Conference Center
Buena Vista, CO
leavenworth@ocfusa.org

Join us monthly

DATE NIGHT

6-10 PM @ Frontier Chapel

Meals & Childcare provided

Sponsored by Fort Leavenworth Chapel Community

Supported by 

Invest in your marriage this year!



05 SEP, 03 OCT, 07 NOV, 05 DEC, 09 JAN, 06 FEB, 06 MAR, 03 APR, 01 MAY

Each Date Night begins with a faith-based marriage enrichment presentation. Then couples are released to go out on a date and further discuss the topic together. Children will remain safely supervised by childcare professionals at Frontier Chapel (6-10 pm or pick up kids earlier)!

For more information and to register scan the QR code or call 913-680-7336

Catholic Women of the Chapel



CWOC resumes on January 9, 2025
and meets Thursdays at 9:00am
in the Pioneer Chapel Activity Room

Join us for our faith study:
THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON
by Henri Nouwen

LEARN MORE >>

Find our complete calendar on Facebook 'CWOC Fort Leavenworth'



Looking for Community?

Join Campus Life Military



FB: Ft. Leavenworth Club - Campus Life Military

IG: @campuslifeftleavenworth

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

Volunteer!


MWR needs you!!!

Post Theater Volunteers needed NOW!!!

We are always looking for:
Youth Sports Coaches
Stray Facility Volunteer
Youth Sports Official/Referee
Village Mayor/Vice Mayor

Calling all Units and Organizations, Scouts, ROTC, Students...
WE'RE BACK - but we need your help!!!
It takes a village to keep a village going!
Be a part of making Fort Leavenworth
The Best Hometown in the Army!

Call (913) 684-2736 to Volunteer at the Theater today!







MILITARY CAMP AT EAGLE SKY

REACHING MILITARY-CONNECTED YOUTH
END OF YEAR IMPACT

574 Weekly messages of encouragement

882 Students known by name

14 Commitments to follow Christ



328 Lost kids in Christ-sharing relationships


338 Meetings with students to focus on their individual needs

14 Small Group meetings to dive deeper into the Word

638

Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility

Second Saturday is Back!



Every second Saturday of the month

We're back to being open every 2nd Saturday of the month for visitation and adoption/fostering of the animals at the facility!

You can find all of our adoptable pets at:
www.petfinder.com Fort Leavenworth

fortleavenworthstrayfacility@gmail.com

913-684-4939

510 Organ Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

PCSing overseas with pets?

Call 913-684-6510 to discuss requirements





PCS Prep: OCONUS & Pets

Planning a PCS move with pets somewhere outside the continental United States? Contact the Fort Leavenworth Veterinary Treatment Facility at 913-684-6510 to discuss requirements to take your pets overseas, to include Hawaii and Alaska. There are different requirements based on location, and in some cases it is necessary to begin the process to obtain a health certificate for your pet months in advance. Contact the Fort Leavenworth Veterinary Treatment Facility for more information at 913-684-6510.

Fort Leavenworth Installation Warrior Restaurant
for Mother’s Day Lunch
Sunday, 11 May 2025
1130 – 1300

Menu

Lemon Pepper Chicken
Sirloin Steak
Southern Fried Catfish
Cheese Stuffed Shells w/ Alfredo Sauce
Baked Potatoes
Macaroni & Cheese
Roasted Vegetable Medley
Corn on the Cob
Garlic Roasted Asparagus

Corn Chowder
French Onion Soup
Assorted Desserts

Standard Lunch
Meal Rate:
\$ 7.10
(cash & card accepted)*
*Please have cash in case of
technical issue

Address: 400 Iowa Road Bldg. 638



Fort Leavenworth Rod & Gun Club
Garry Stephens
Memorial Crappiethon
Saturday, 10 May 2025

Perry Lake – Perry, KS
Rock Creek Marina

Launch Time is 7:00 AM
Weigh in is at 2:00 PM

\$5.00 entry fee for R&G Club members
\$10.00 entry fee for non-members
Big Fish Pot is \$10



Fort Leavenworth
Rod & Gun Club
Kid’s Fishing Derby

Who: Open to the public – All kids thru age 15
Kids will compete in five separate age groups:
4 and under, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-15.

When: Saturday, 24 May 2025
Registration begins at 0800
Fishing 0900-1100
Award Ceremony 1130

Where: Merritt Lake, Ft. Leavenworth

How: Rod & Gun Club member’s kids – FREE
Non-members - \$3.00 each

Awards presented for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers along
with a Big Fish award in each age group

There will be numerous door prizes given away, along with
hotdogs and drinks for sale. There will be a limited amount
of fishing worms for sale for \$2 a cup, first come first
served.

Fort Leavenworth
Rod & Gun Club
Catfish Tournament
Saturday, 31 May 2025

Perry Lake – Perry, KS
Slough Creek Marina

Launch Time is 6:30 AM
Weigh in is at 2:00 PM

\$5.00 entry fee for R&G Club members
\$10.00 entry fee for non-members
Big Fish Pot is \$10

5 largest fish will be weighed in per person.
Channel, Flathead, and Blue catfish all
count for creel total.

Boat or shore fishing allowed.
No jug or trot lines allowed.



History Brunch: Early Kansas
Aviation

Saturday, May 10, 2025
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Frontier Army Museum
100 Reynolds Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 66027, United States
(map)



Presented by Bill Stumpf. This presentation covers the first airplane flights, built and flown in Kansas, how Wichita became known as The Air
Capital of the World and discussion of some of the airplanes and aviators, icons of Kansas, both known and maybe not so known.



139st Annual
Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony
May 26, 2025 / 9am
Leavenworth National Cemetery

Shuttles will depart ‘flag pole’ every 15 minutes to event site
beginning at 8am and will return to ‘flag pole’ upon conclusion of
event. Parking available around areas of ‘flag pole’.



Event sponsored annually by the Leavenworth Memorial Day Committee, Inc.

Speaker Series: Big Red One in
Fallujah: The 1st Infantry
Division's Role and Success
During Operation Phantom
Fury

Presented by Dr. Andrew Wright

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Frontier Army Museum
100 Reynolds Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 66027, United States
(map)



History Brunch: The Four
Chaplains

Saturday, June 14, 2025
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Frontier Army Museum
100 Reynolds Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 66027, United States
(map)



Four recent graduates of the Army Chaplain School boarded the SS Dorchester with about 900 other military personnel on 23 January 1943 bound
for Europe during World War II. Their story of faith and sacrifice will be discussed during this presentation. Presented by Dennis Branson.

Base visitors:
REAL ID Required after May 7, 2025

Know the difference

REAL ID Driver License

A REAL ID is usually marked by a **GOLD STAR**
in the upper-right hand corner, depending on the issuer.

- ✧ Meets the new federal security standards
- ✧ May be used to board domestic flights
- ✧ Enter **MILITARY BASES**, secure federal facilities,
and nuclear power plants starting
May 7, 2025
- ✧ Anyone coming onto base as a sponsored guest after
the deadline will need a REAL ID.
- ✧ U.S. Department of Defense ID, including IDs issued
to dependents are considered to be Real ID compliant.



Standard Driver License

It will not have a gold star marking in the upper-right hand
corner. If you plan to fly domestically, a REAL ID is
recommended.

- ✧ Does not meet the new federal security standards
- ✧ Cannot use to board domestic flights starting after
the new May 7, 2025 deadline
- ✧ Cannot use to enter military bases, secure
federal facilities, or nuclear power plants starting
May 7, 2025

REAL ID is a federal security credential
added to State-issued Driver Licenses and
Identification Cards that establishes a
minimum security standard required for
specific activities.



May, June & July Workshops

Watercolor

\$30 per workshop
pre-registration required

Watercolor (Landscape 1)
Tuesday,
May 13
6pm - 8pm

Watercolor (Landscape 2)
Tuesday,
May 20
6pm - 8pm

Framing

\$40 per class

Intro to Framing
Must pre-register

Fridays
May 9, June 13, July 11
10am - 2pm

Saturdays
May 24, June 28, July 26
10am - 2pm

Watercolor by the Lake (plein-air)
Tuesday,
June 3
6pm - 8pm

Watercolor by the Lake (plein-air)
Tuesday,
June 10
6pm - 8pm



scan for more info

Call now to register!
913-684-3373



Paint & Sip

\$35

Must be 21
years or older.
BYOB



Flower Crown Cow
Friday,
May 9
6pm - 8pm

Two Toucans
Friday,
June 13
6pm - 8pm



Jellyfish
Friday,
July 11
6pm - 8pm

Cost includes all supplies!

Modern Calligraphy

Basics

\$20 per class

Tuesday
July 15
6:30pm - 8pm

Special Projects

Birthday Cards

Tuesday
July 29
6:30pm - 8pm

Intermediate

\$20 per class

Tuesday
July 22
6:30pm - 8pm



Crafts

\$35 per class

Patriotic Wooden Sign

Tuesday, May 13
1pm - 3pm
Friday, May 30
11am - 1pm

Flower Wreath

Tuesday, June 10
11am - 1pm
Thursday, June 19
6pm - 8pm

Wooden Growth Chart

Tuesday, July 8
6pm - 8pm
Friday, July 18
11am - 1pm



Come see what's new at the Studio!



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May, June & July Kids Weekly Classes

Messy Art

\$12 per class

Ages 7+

Thursday
May 15
10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday
May 29
10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday
June 26
10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday
July 10
10:30am - 11:30am



Call now
to register!
913-684-3373

Color Me Happy

\$10 per class

Parent & Toddlers

Thursday
May 8
10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday
May 22
10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday
June 5
10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday
June 19
10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday
July 17
10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday
July 31
10:30am - 11:30am



scan for more info



Summer Studio Days

\$15 per class

Kids Ages 6 - 11
Tuesday - Friday
July 22 - July 25
10:30am - 11:30am

Youth Ages 12+
Tuesday - Friday
July 22 - July 25
1pm - 2:30pm

Need to beat the
summer heat?
Come to the Studio!

Kids Summer Events

Crafts

\$20 per craft

Mother's Day Gift & Card

Thursday
May 1
10:30am - 12pm

Father's Day Gift & Card

Thursday
June 12
10:30am - 12pm



Cost includes all supplies!

Art History

\$15 per class
(ages 7+)

Muffins & Michelangelo

Wednesday
May 14
1pm - 3pm

Rocket Pops & Ross

Tuesday
June 17
1pm - 3pm
Wednesday
June 18
11am - 1pm

Dirt Cups & Andre' Derain

Tuesday
July 15
1pm - 3pm
Wednesday
July 16
11am - 1pm



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The Fort Leavenworth Frame Studio



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

Intro to Framing:

(\$40 a class must pre-register)

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

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

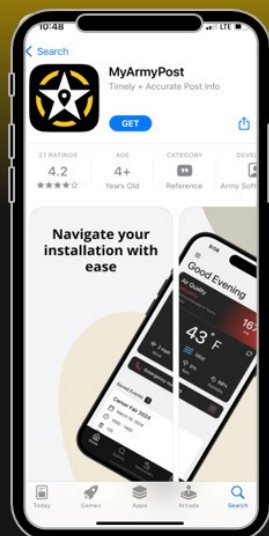
Deadline to register is the day before class. Ages 18+

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

Military Prints
Art Projects
Photography Prints
Graduation Certificates
Etchings/Engravings
Restoration

My Army Post App

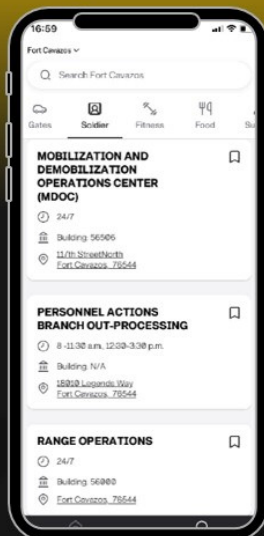
Step 1:
Download the app



Step 2:
Select your base



Step 3:
Stay in the know!



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MEETING: MAY 8TH AT 6:30 PM
START: MAY 15TH AT 6:15 PM
12 WEEK LEAGUE: MAY 15TH - AUGUST 8TH
THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM

(PRACTICE AT 6:15 PM)
3 PERSON TEAMS - 3 GAMES PER NIGHT
ANY COMBO OF MEN & WOMEN
\$10 per week, per person • Shoes \$1
Have-a-Ball Option for an extra \$7 per week

Starting May 3rd, 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
0530						
0900						Power Yoga (Kim)
0930		Zumba (Lydia)		Zumba (Lydia)		
1200						
1630		Zumba (Lydia)	Power Cycling (Kim)	Zumba (Lydia)		
1700	Power Yoga (Kim)					

HARNEY SPORTS COMPLEX - 185 Fourth St. - 684-2190
Mon-Fri: 0500-1800, Sat and Sun: 0800-1700

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0800						
1630		*Power Cut (Kim)		*Power Cut (Kim)		

*Power Cut classes are held in the Bubble Gym



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



<https://leavenworth.armymwr.com>

Thursday
Youth / Adult
Bowling League

Meeting May 23rd at 6:30p
Start May 30th at 6:15
8 Week Handicap League
May 30th - July 18th

2 Person Teams

1 Youth Bowler Under 18 Years Old

1 Adult Bowler 18 Years Or Older

\$7.50 Per Bowler or \$15.00 Per Team

Shoes Included



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May 17 & May 18
1st Annual Kickball Tournament
9AM - 7PM • Gruber Diamond

Games: Saturday and Sunday , 9AM-7PM at Gruber Baseball Field.

There will be a coaches meeting on Wednesday, April 30th at 5:30PM at Gruber Fitness Center.

Letters of Intent are due by COB Wednesday, May 7th.

Open to Active Duty, DoD Civilians, Retirees, Dependents, Spouses, and Contractors working at Fort Leavenworth ages 18 and older.

League awards given for tournament runner ups and tournament champions.

FREE event!

For more info:
(913) 684-5136/3224

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May 24 • Disc Golf Tournament
8AM - 2PM • Disc Golf Course

Two-person team plays 18 holes, best shot rules.

The two-person best shot format will be used. Both players throw from each lie (starting with the tee shot), then the team chooses which of the resulting lies to continue play from, until the hole is completed.

For score integrity purposes, each team is required to keep the score of their opposing twosome. Teams will be sent onto the course with another team and will keep scores for both their own team and the opposing team. Any team that does not participate with an opposing team will not be eligible to win the tournament.

Prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Staggered start from 0800-0900.

Registration is required and can be done at Gruber Fitness Center or by calling, (913) 684-5120

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May 1 - May 31
5th Annual Softball Tournament
Doniphan Field #1

Games: Every Monday and Wednesday 5:30PM - 8:30PM at Doniphan #1.

There will be a coaches meeting on Wednesday, April 16th at 5:30PM at Gruber Fitness Center.

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BRUNNER RANGE

2025

CALENDAR

For more information (913) 651-8132
701 Sheridan Dr. Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Fun Shoot	Special Fun Shoots	League Schedule
1st Saturday of every month 4 January 1 February 1 March 5 April 3 May 7 June 5 July 2 August 6 September 4 October 1 November 6 December Hours: Wednesday 12:00-8:00pm Thursday 12:00-8:00pm Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm CLOSED M, T, F Fun Shoots begin at 9:00am Rod & Gun begin at 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rod & Gun 16 AprilVFW Post 12003 26 AprilLil Weenie 17 MayClub Championship 21 JuneOne Gun/One Choke 19 JulyShuck n' Chuck 16 AugustAmerican Legion Post 411 20 SeptemberRod & Gun 15 OctoberLil Weenie 18 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Winter Combo 9 January - 13 MarchSpring Combo 20 March - 22 MaySummer Warm-up 5 June - 10 July 17 July - 21 AugustFall Combo 4 Sept - 6 NovWinter Warm-up 13 Nov - 18 Dec <div></div>

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USD 207 is a highly-rated public school district in Kansas, proudly serving students in grades PreK-9. Unique to us, our attendance boundary includes only residents living on the Fort Leavenworth installation, making over 95% of our student population dependents of active-duty military service members.

Online enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Visit our website for more information and to begin the process.

questions@usd207.org
913-651-7373

ENROLL TODAY!
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*Join
Our
Team*



**FORT LEAVENWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRENT OPENINGS:**

- Special Education Para Educators
- Accounts Payable
- Assistant Director of Special Services
- Full-Time Bus Driver
- Full-Time Bus Aide

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2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR! ----->**

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Strike Zone Bowling Center's

GOOD GRADES SPECIAL

Noon - 7 pm

**October 19, January 11,
March 29 & May 24**

Kids! Bring in your report cards and receive one free game for every "A" or equivalent. Straight "A"s gets you free sodas for the family (6 max) and all "B"s or better gets you \$2 off any pizza. Games may be used by all family members.

Strike Zone • 165 Fourth Street • (913) 651-2195
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HYC
Harold Youth Center

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

FREE!
*Enroll now at
Harold Youth Center
45 Biddle Blvd
913-684-5118

HYC Hours
Mon-Thurs 3PM-7PM
Friday 3PM-9PM
Saturday 2pm-8pm
Closed Sunday

Administrative Hours
Monday - Friday
9AM - 6PM

Offering:
Homework Help
STEM Programs
Gym Activities
Music Classes
Arts & Crafts
Special Events
Clubs & More!
Follow HYC on FB!

*HYC is for 6th-12th Graders only. Must be registered with CYS Parent Central prior to enrolling. Contact 913-684-5138 for more info on registration and eligibility





CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

Attention Parents

Was your child's CYS

Registration suspended for

no proof of Flu vaccination?

CYS has been informed the Flu vaccine is no longer available in the community. Per CYS Regulation, CYS will not require proof of Influenza vaccination at this time.

Suspended registrations (for this reason) have been updated to Active status & are now eligible to enroll again.

Parent Central Office 913-684-5138 or 4956



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**Fort Leavenworth Care Options for
Summer 2025 & School Year 2025-2026**

Request Before/After School Care & SAC Camps all year round



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Families can use MCC to make requests for SAC programs, which include Before/After School care and Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer Camps, all year round. The online system allows you to search for and submit unlimited SAC requests at any time of the year without waiting for a specific registration time to begin. As soon as school dates are known, all SAC programs will be made available to you so you can submit your requests.

Please Note: Spaces are offered on an as-needed basis based on the sponsor's priority and request for care (RFC) date.

Using **MilitaryChildCare.com**, you can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care you need, and submit a request for care at any time and from any location. Follow these four steps!

STEP 1 CREATE ACCOUNT
Go to **MilitaryChildCare.com** to create an account containing information about your family, or to login using an existing username and password.

STEP 2 SEARCH and REQUEST CARE
Search the system for the child care options that best fit your needs and submit your requests for care.

STEP 3 MANAGE MY REQUESTS
You can manage your requests for care from anywhere in the world.

STEP 4 UPDATE MY PROFILE
Keep your My Profile page up-to-date with important information.

It's that easy!

To get started, visit:
MilitaryChildCare.com
For questions/support, call: 855-496-2934

Don't know what Care Options to request?

Prior to making Requests for Care, go to **CYS Facebook** or **FMWR-CYS** website to review flyer:

2025 Fort Leavenworth Care Options & Waitlists



CYS

We're Hiring NOW!

Join our Team as a
Child and Youth Program Assistant
at Fort Leavenworth!
Pay starts at **\$18.35** per hour

Great pay and benefits!

Career Progression & Paid Training
Retirement & 401K
Priority Childcare Placement & Employee Childcare Discounts
Regular Full-Time/ Part-Time & FLEX Hours Available
Medical, Dental, Vision, & Life Insurance Benefits *
Paid Leave, & Paid Federal Holidays for Full-Time & Part-Time
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MUNSON NOTES

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■ 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/8wttfl>.

■ 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.

■ **SEASONAL ALLERGY MEDICATIONS** are available from the MAHC Pharmacy at no cost. Simply come to the pharmacy and fill out the OTC request form. Pull a ticket and you'll be called to activate your request. Then you can sit and wait until your meds are ready, or if you choose to return later in the day, you can just process to Window 7. At MAHC, Military Health System beneficiaries can pick-up two over-the-counter medications without a prescription per person per week from the pharmacy with no out-of-pocket expense.

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

■ Munson Army Health Center is looking for volunteers to join the **PATIENT AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL**. Volunteers can be active-duty, active-duty family members, retirees or retiree family members. The PFPC meets quarterly. If interested, call 913-684-6211/6127.

■ 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.

■ Call 913-684-6250 to schedule a **WELL-WOMAN EXAM** at Munson Army Health Center.

■ Munson Army Health Center is currently scheduling **ROUTINE EYE EXAMS** with the optometrist for school-aged beneficiaries ages 6 years and older. Call the appointment line at 913- 684-6250 to schedule an eye exam.

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MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER

MAY SCHEDULE

**MAY
09**

**STAFF TRAINING
CLOSING AT NOON**

**MAY
23**

TRAINING HOLIDAY OPEN NORMAL HOURS

**MAY
26**

**MEMORIAL DAY
CLOSED**



Measles: It Spreads Before You Even See It.

Military families PCSing or traveling, especially to TX, KS, OH, IN, OK, NM (especially West Texas!), should CHECK WITH THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT at their destination for current measles outbreak status. If it's a high-transmission area, supplemental measles vaccines may be needed for infants 6-11 months and anyone not fully vaccinated. Early doses are supplemental and don't replace the standard MMR vaccine schedule. Contact your healthcare provider (913-684-6250) BEFORE traveling to discuss. Stay safe & informed!



<https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/4162211/want-to-learn-about-tricare-for-life-check-out-this-handbook>

MUNSON NOTES

MAHC staff thanked during National Nurses Week



The nurses at Munson Army Health Center were celebrated for all they do for the team and beneficiaries during National Nurses Week.

Military Health System nurses have a wide scope of practice, often functioning in roles beyond traditional nursing. They may manage clinics, conduct research, specialize, lead teams, and run military treatment facilities and field hospitals.

MHS nurses support the readiness of the entire military community by providing healthcare to service members and their families.

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Safely dispose of expired medications before PCSing



Safely dispose of old and expired medications before your move.

Munson Army Health Center's medication disposal receptacle is located in the pharmacy lobby near Window No. 1 for patients to discard the majority of their unused medications.

Several exclusions apply, including syringes, needles, and liquids greater than 4 ounces.

If a dangerous medication is on the FDA Flush List and a drug take-back program is not available, patients can dispose of the medication by flushing it down the toilet to avoid misuse and accidents.

Learn more at <https://munson.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy>.

PCS Prep: Drug Disposal

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