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## **Garrison selects Professionals of Year** Mechanical engineer, program analyst named top 2024 professionals

by Prudence Siebert/Editor

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Starr is currently deployed with his Kansas Air National Guard unit, the 190th Air Refueling Wing Maintenance Group, in which he serves as a senior master sergeant. After eight years on active duty in the Air Force, Starr obtained his mechanical engineering degree at Arizona State University. He then joined an engineering firm where he gained HVAC system ex-



Department of the Army photos by Stephanie Mahone/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office

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Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Vanessa Sun and Garrison Commander Col. Duane Mosier congratulate Audrey Crook, **Directorate of Public** Works program analyst, on being named the Garrison Supply Discipline **Professional of the Year** and present her with the **Department of the Army** Civilian Service Commendation Medal during the Garrison Town Hall Meeting Jan. 22 at the Frontier Conference Center.

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Storm Reynolds, chief of the Engineering Division Design Branch, DPW, nominated Starr for the Garrison recognition for his work that has improved

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Photo by Sean Bergosh/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office

## Sisters work, train at USDB



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Pvt. Samiya Jones, C Company, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks Battalion (Corrections), Army Corrections Brigade, and her sister, Reserve Staff Sgt. Jamaica Jones, 88th Military Police Company, 535 MP Battalion, 290th MP Brigade, out of Fort Eustis, Virginia, pose in front of the USDB Headquarters building Jan. 23 while they were both working at the USDB. by Prudence Siebert/Editor

A young active-duty corrections specialist at her first duty station and her elder sister, a 12-year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve, used their military police training, both newly learned and ingrained, to work side by side last week in the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, the U.S. military's maximum-security prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Pvt. Samiya Jones, C Company, USDB Battalion (Corrections), Army Corrections Brigade, and her sister, Reserve Staff Sgt. Jamaica Jones, 88th Military Police Company, 535 MP Battalion, 290th MP Brigade, both worked inside the walls of the USDB while the elder sister's Virginia Reserve unit was on post training for a deployment mission. At the same time, the Reservists augmented short-staffed USDB Battalion members who needed to complete their own required annual training in areas such as unarmed self-defense, range qualification, taser certification, military vehicle driving, emergency preparedness, winter weather response and escaped inmate procedures.

"From the active-duty side, since I'm (in the prison) every day, it's definitely a morale booster for me," Samiya said about working with her sister, who is about 10 years older. "It makes coming to work a lot easier when I have somebody that I can look forward to, somebody who knows me.

As a former member of the Richmond, Virginia, police force and now with the Federal Reserve Bank, Jamaica is used to civilian law enforcement, but she said seeing what

## AT A GLANCE

■ Scholarship application deadlines are approaching. Applications are due March 1 for FORT LEAVEN-WORTH SPOUSES' CLUB SCHOLAR-SHIPS. Visit https://fortleavenworthspousesclub.org /community-giving

Applications are due March 20 for the **POILLON SCHOL-ARSHIP.** Obtain an application at the

for more information.

application at the Army Education Center. Applications are due March 15 for COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE FOUN-DATION SCHOLAR-SHIPS. Visit https:// www.cgscfoundation.org/alumni/schol arships/ for more information. ■ FORT LEAV-ENWORTH THRIFT SHOP GRANT AP-PLICATIONS are due Feb. 25 and are available at the cashiers counter from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1025 Sheridan Drive. Call 913-651-6768 for more information.

■ Construction on the new Child Development Center continues on Hancock Avenue, with heavy construction machinery traveling daily from Hancock Gate to the construction site. Pedestrians are reminded to USE ONLY D E S I G N A T E D CROSSWALKS TO CROSS HANCOCK AVENUE.





## Reveille, Retreat, Taps review Properly respond to daily bugle calls

by Fort Leavenworth Lamp Staff Report

Drums and bugles have long been used by the Army to direct troops in battle and signal events during the duty day. Drums fell out of favor in the 19th century, but bugle call traditions have persisted and can still be heard at most Army posts at least a few times per day.

On Fort Leavenworth, actual bugles have been replaced with recordings, concentrating the calls in areas where soldiers are likely to be gathered for duty or training and away from most on-post housing.

The first bugle call of the day is "**Reveille**," which sounds at 6:30 a.m. for the traditional raising of the national colors. The national colors in front of the Lewis and Clark Center are illuminated and are not raised or lowered on a daily basis.

At 5 p.m., when the national colors are traditionally lowered, "**Retreat**" and "To the Colors" are played.



## Follow rules for U.S. flag display

by Katie Peterson/Former *Fort Leavenworth Lamp* Staff Writer

There are etiquette rules that must be followed when the U.S. flag is on display.

According to the U.S. Flag Code, Flag Day, celebrated June 14, is one of several holidays when the U.S. flag should be flown, if it is not already flown year-round.

#### **Outdoors:**

• The flag is typically flown from sunrise to sunset but can be displayed 24/7 if it is properly illuminated during the night hours.

• The flag should be taken down during inclement weather unless an all-weather flag (generally made of nylon) is used.

• When flying on an in-ground flagpole, the length of the flag should be between one-fourth and one-third the length of the pole.

• The flag should always be flown right-side up, unless it signals dire distress in situations of extreme danger to life or property.

• Other flags, such as state flags, can be displayed on the same flagpole with the U.S. flag, but they must be below the national flag; other nations' flags must never be flown on the same flagpole as the U.S. flag.

• If other flags are displayed on different poles of the same height, the U.S. flag must be displayed on the viewer's left.

#### Indoors:

• The flag can be hung on the wall either vertically or horizontally as long as the union side is to the viewer's top left.

• During speeches, the flag, if on a pole, should be placed to the speaker's right.

#### Half-staff days:

Flags should be flown at half-staff for the following holidays:

- Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15
- Memorial Day (until noon) the last Monday in May

Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on July
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• Patriot Day on Sept. 11

• National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day the first Sunday in May

• Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Dec. 7 Flags should also be flown at half-staff by

proclamation of the president of the United States or a state governor. This often occurs with the death of a primary government leader, including a president or former president, a vice president, governors or members of Congress.

#### Other protocols:

• The flag must never touch the ground.

• The flag should never be used as a covering

Weeknights at 9 p.m., "**Taps**" is played.

Service members were taught their first day in uniform what to do when these bugle calls sound. They face the flag — or toward the music if the flag is not visible - come to attention and render the hand salute for "Reveille" and "To the Colors." Service members not in uniform, civilians and family members should face the flag or music, remove any headgear and hold their right hand over the heart until the last note ends. Veterans and service members in civilian clothes also have the option to render the hand salute.

Drivers hearing the calls should pull over and stop, exit their vehicle safely and render the suitable honors. Because of safety concerns, drivers on Fort Leaven-

Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Sgt. James Suggs, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, and Sgt. Eric Williams, 526th Military Police Company, 40th MP Internment and Resettlement Battalion, salute as Spc. Charles Hofmann, HHC, USDB, lowers the colors for Retreat March 12, 2012, outside the USDB. The national colors in front of the Lewis and Clark Center are illuminated and are not raised or lowered on a daily basis.

worth's Grant Avenue should stop and remain in their vehicles until the last note of the bugle call ends. Bugle calls have sounded at Fort Leavenworth since the post was established in 1827. Those who work and live on the historic post are encouraged to continue to honor the national colors during the bugle calls in a safe, proper and respectful manner.

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• The flag should never be used to hold or carry anything.

• The flag should never be used in such a way that would result in it being torn, dirtied or damaged.

•The flag should not have anything placed on it, attached to it or marked on it.

## Retiring the flag:

Flags that are worn or deemed unrepairable should be properly retired, preferably by burning; however, they can also be dropped off at any Veterans of Foreign Wars post or acceptable collection receptacles for proper disposal.



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### Flag disposal bin in the Post Exchange parking lot.

Fort Leavenworth has two collection bins for retired flags, including one at the Fort Leavenworth Recycling Center on West Warehouse Road and one in the Fort Leavenworth Post Exchange parking lot.

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## Stronghold Food Pantry to offer free educational seminar Feb. 11 to help military families navigate PCS moves

by Stronghold Food Pantry

As the permanent-change-ofstation (PCS) season approaches, many military families are already feeling the stress and uncertainty that come with the relocation process.

This year, in response to growing concerns about delays, financial strain and logistical challenges, Stronghold Food Pantry is proud to announce its upcoming Stronghold U class, "Mastering Your PCS."

This free educational class is designed to help military families navigate the complexities of the PCS process and mitigate the stress that often accompanies these moves.

Scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 11, this class will feature Megan Harless, a trusted expert in military relocation and the founder of PCS Like A Pro. Harless is also a member of the U.S. Transportation Command Military Spouse Advisory Panel and the Army Relocation Advisory Council. She will provide hands-on, real-world advice on how to manage the PCS process, including an overview of the new Global Household Goods Contract (GHC) that military families will need to navigate this summer.

This will mark Harless's third collaboration with Monica Bassett, founder and CEO of Stronghold Food Pantry. Both are leading experts in their fields and serve on the Newrez Military Family Advisory Council, which helps identify obstacles to military/veteran home ownership. Together, Harless and Bassett aim to educate and support military families by providing real, actionable guidance on the often-overwhelming PCS process. Class participants will gain valuable insights into everything from organizing a smooth PCS to understanding the logistics and expectations surrounding the new global goods contract and personally procured moves (PPM), also known as do-it-yourself (DITY) moves.

"PCS moves can be an incredibly stressful time for military families, and the complexities of moving — delays, poor service, rising costs — can quickly escalate into financial hardship," Bassett said. "This financial strain, if not addressed quickly, can contribute to food insecurity. This is why we are addressing the root causes of food insecurity with Stronghold U. Our goal is to equip military families with the knowledge and resources they need to avoid setbacks that could impact their financial stability and well-being."



**Register online &** join us in person.



**Featured Program: Mastering Your PCS** and navigating the new GHC

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series created by Stronghold Food due to high demand. With limited This is all part of our ongoing not stepping outside our mission are encouraged to sign up early to ensure they secure a place in this highly sought-after class.

Pantry to address key factors that spots available, military families commitment to support military families, not just by providing food, but by helping them navigate the larger challenges they face."

- we're digging deeper into the root causes that lead military families to need food assistance. This is part of our ongoing commitment to support military families not just by providing food, but by helping them navigate the larger challenges they face." For more information or to register, visit www.strongholdfoodpantry.org or follow Stronghold Food Pantry on social media.

Stronghold U is an educational

contribute to military food insecurity. The series brings in field experts - professionals who actively work in the areas they speak about, providing real, actionable insights. Harless, for example, brings years of experience working directly with military families, advising the moving industry, and serving on relocation-related advisory councils.

While Stronghold U is free of charge, registration is required

"The issues we see in military food insecurity are not just about a lack of food, but about the broader financial challenges that families face," Bassett said. "By offering classes like this, we're not stepping outside of our scope; we're digging deeper into the underlying causes that lead military families to need a food pantry.

Bassett said military food insecurity issues go beyond the lack of food.

"The broader financial challenges that families face — especially during stressful transitions like PCS moves — are significant drivers of food insecurity," she said. "With Stronghold U, we're

## FAP Needs Assessment closes Jan. 31

The Fort Leavenworth Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program Needs Assessment information gathers from the military community to assist in planning ACS FAP services, training, programs and events.

Deadline to complete the assessment is Jan. 31.

Participation and support in sharing this assessment with others will help the program better serve the military community.

To access the assessment. go to https://forms.osi.apps. mil/r/x03hb409Kp or use the QR code.

Call 913-684-2808 with questions or more information.

Family Advocacy Program graphic

Fort Leavenworth ACS Family Advocacy Program Needs Assessment





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## Complete medical, veterinary requirements now to avoid out-processing delays

by Maria Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer

Munson Army Health Center leaders welcomed representatives from Fort Leavenworth-based units for the Installation Senior Medical Council Jan. 22 at MAHC.

The purpose of the council is to coordinate medical services, review health trends, and implement strategies that help units track soldier medical readiness in their formations.

During the meeting, MAHC Director Col. Jolanda L.J. Walker emphasized that now is the time to look ahead to permanentchange-of-station season and have soldiers complete any outstanding medical readiness requirements they might have ahead of graduation for the Command and General Staff College.

On Fort Leavenworth, the period following CGSC graduation is commonly referred to as the summer surge, because nearly 1,000 service members and their families are trying to PCS at the same time.

"There will be a lot of soldiers trying to outprocess in a very short period of time after graduation. Each one is required to be medically ready. Acting now to update any expired or soon-to-be expired medical readiness requirements will save time during the busy summer surge," Walker said.

To ensure a smooth transition during out-processing, soldiers must have a "green" status in the Army Medical Protection System (MEDPROS) for the following:

- Hearing
- Vision
- Dental
- Labs
- Immunizations

• Periodic health assessments

"That green status should carry soldiers out at least 30 to 60 days after reporting to their next duty assignment. If it doesn't, have them come and see us, and we can help them get with any medical requirement," Walker said.

Soldiers can check their individual medical readiness status in MEDPROS at https://medpros.mods.arm y.mil/portal/

Soldier medical readiness services

Soldiers can walk in for vision, labs and immunizations.

Call the appointment line at 913-684-6250 to



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schedule appointments for hearing and 913-684-5516 for dental.

Part I of the Periodic health assessment can be completed online at https://medpros.mods.arm y.mil/portal/.

Appointments for Part II can be scheduled by calling the appointment line at 913-684-6250, or 1-844-863-3236 for soldiers assigned to Army University and Army Corrections Brigade.

Pets Too

Additionally, Walker told the council that soldiers transferring outside the continental United States with pets need to plan early, too.

Owners will need current proof of immunization for their pet and additional

requirements might be needed before receiving a pet health certificate.

Some of these requirements must be completed well ahead of a move depending on the country. Soldiers transferring with pets outside the continental Unites States (OCONUS) should call the Fort Leavenworth Veterinary Treatment Facility at 913-684-6510 as soon as they get orders. VTF staff can provide these soldiers with specific guidance for their pet.

"Again, we don't want soldiers to wait until the last minute to try and schedule appointments for their pets. Soldiers need to touch base with the vet if they have a pet and get orders overseas, including Hawaii and Alaska," Walker said.

## Defense Health Agency announces TRICARE West Region referral approval waiver

by TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Virginia – Are you enrolled in TRICARE Prime? (https://tricare.mil/prime) The Defense Health Agency has waived the requirement to obtain preauthorization for referrals



You can ask your PCM to recommend a local TRICARE-authorized specialist. You can also see a specialist you've seen before, if they're a TRICARE-authorized provider. You can also search TriWest's provider directory to find specialists in your area. Visit https://triwest.healthsparq.com/healthspar q/public/#/one/city=&state=&postal-Code=&country=&insurerCode=TRI-WEST\_I&brandCode=TRIWEST. network, but make sure to ask the provider if the provider is TRICARE-authorized before getting care.

Starting April 1, if the provider is still a non-network provider (https://tricare.mil/GettingCare/FindDoctor/AllProviderDirectories/NonNetwork) and isn't named on your pre-authorization, you'll need to pay point-of-service fees. (https://tricare.mil/Costs/POS)

to outpatient specialty care for TRICARE Prime enrollees in the West region.

This means TRICARE-authorized specialty care providers don't need to wait for TriWest (https://tricare.mil/west) to approve referrals issued by your primary care manager (https://tricare.mil/pcm) before providing outpatient care.

However, you'll still need to get a referral from your primary care manager before getting that specialty care.

This process will be in place through March 31 and is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2025.

"TriWest's referrals portal has experienced issues that have affected the processing of new referrals," explained Jacob Sanchez, referral management subject matter expert, TRICARE Health Plan, at DHA. "If you have TRICARE Prime and are in the West region, this waiver will allow you to access specialty services without interruption to your care."

This waiver does NOT apply to:

Inpatient care

• Applied behavior analysis or Autism Care Demonstration services (https://tricare.mil/acd)

· Laboratory developed tests

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• Extended Care Health Option services (https://tricare.mil/echo)

If you need any of the four services above, TriWest will still need to pre-authorize your referral before you see your specialist.

#### Getting outpatient specialty care during the waiver period

During this waiver period, you should follow the rules of your TRICARE Prime plan, as described in the TRICARE Choices in the United States Handbook. (https://tricare.mil/Publications/Handbooks/united\_s tates) You can continue seeing your PCM to get referrals for specialty care — even if your PCM is not currently in TriWest's network. Visit

https://triwest.healthsparq.com/healthspar q/public/#/one/city=&state=&postal-Code=&country=&insurerCode=TRI-WEST\_I&brandCode=TRIWEST.

#### So, what's different?

Through March 31, you don't have to wait for TriWest to process your referral to seek care. You should ask your PCM for a copy of your referral. When you see your specialist, bring the copy of your referral, dated Jan. 1 through March 31. You can also bring a copy of the TRICARE West Region Referral Approval Waiver Letter, available on www.tricare.mil/west.

Note: If you see a civilian PCM, the civilian PCM might also be able to send your referral to your specialist electronically. But you should request and keep a copy for your records.

The process for getting specialty care within a military hospital or clinic hasn't changed.

Not sure if your PCM or specialist is in the TRICARE network? If your provider is no longer a TRICARE network provider (see https://tricare.mil/networkproviders), you can keep seeing them and pay TRI-CARE Prime copayments. (https://tricare.mil/costs) However, the provider must be TRICARE-authorized.

This means they are:

• Licensed by a state, accredited by national organization, or meet other standards of the medical community

• Certified to provide benefits under TRICARE

They don't have to be in the TRICARE

Starting April 1, you'll need a referral from your PCM approved by TriWest to see a specialist.

#### Referrals and authorizations issued before Jan. 1, 2025

Do you have an unexpired referral or authorization dated before Jan. 1, 2025? TriWest will accept all unexpired referrals and authorizations approved by the previous contractor (Humana Military or HNFS). These will be accepted through their expiration date, or June 30, 2025, whichever comes first. Your PCM doesn't need to take additional action to get these approved again.

Do you have questions about referrals, authorizations, or other parts of the West Region transition? Visit https://tricare.mil/About/Changes/TRI-CARE-West-Region-Transition to learn who to contact with your questions.

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post facilities and addressed repair issues.

"He superbly designed the HVAC modifications for the renovated Harney Gym locker and reception areas. He also designed the HVAC repairs to buildings 48 and 391," Reynolds said. "He coordinates and reviews all commissioning efforts to bring new HVAC-related systems online."

In the nomination, Reynolds said Starr's initiative, strong technical knowledge and total commitment to excellence have assisted with the repair of critical facilities across the installation.

"During the multi-milliondollar HVAC repair project at the Lewis and Clark Center, mold growth developed on the wood surfaces in Eisenhower Auditorium as a result of issues with the supply air. The contractor claimed that they were not at fault and refused to get rid of the mold, without extra pay. Thomas, on own initiative, independently placed multiple temperature and humidity sensors throughout the auditorium, which then generated data that he was able to analyze and present," Reynolds explained in the nomination. "The data was irrefutable and clearly indicated that the contractor was responsible due to their error. This forced the contractor to clean up all of the mold and to correct the problem with the supply air at no additional cost to the government."

Reynolds also cited Starr's work as project manager for the \$34 million HVAC repair project at the Military Corrections Complex as another reason to recognize him.

"Thomas discovered a hot water piping corrosion issue and analyzed the impact of the corrosion on the system. He then coordinated with multiple chemical engineering subject matter experts and concluded that all the HVAC system pipes must be replaced. He developed the scope and worked a contract modification, which will extend the life of the systems by approximately 25 years. His actions significantly saved the government money by not having to do re-work to repair systems that were just repaired."

Reynolds said Starr also helped address an HVAC issue at the Midwest Joint Regional Correc-





tional Facility before it became a more difficult problem, and when he was recognized for his efforts, he gave much of the credit to others.

"Thomas is the epitome of a professional, and we are so much better because he is on our team," Reynolds said.

#### 2024 Garrison Supply Discipline Professional of the Year

Crook was recognized with the Department of the Army Civilian Service Commendation Medal for her selection as the Supply Discipline Professional of the Year by the Garrison Command Team during the Garrison Town Hall Jan. 22 at the Frontier Conference Center.

The Garrison Supply Excellence Award program acknowledges the contributions of employees who demonstrate excellence in unit-level, and directly support, supply programs.

"(The program is) another way to recognize the employees that manage out inventories and monies, something most people take for granted while operating through their every days," said Garrison Human Resources Thomas Starr, Department of Public Works mechanical engineer, has been named the 2024 Fort Leavenworth Garrison Professional of the Year, and Audrey Crook, DPW program analyst, has been named the 2024 Fort Leavenworth Garrison Supply **Discipline Professional** of the Year. Their portraits are displayed on a recognition board in Garrison Headquarters.

Department of the Army photos by Stephanie Mahone/Fort Leavenworth Garrison Public Affairs Office

Workforce Development Specialist Josh Altice.

"Accountability deals with the obligation to keep records of property, documents or funds, such as identification data, gains, losses, dues-in, dues-out, and balances on hand or in use," Altice explained. "All property, except real property, material purchased with the Army Purchase Card, and fabricated property, acquired in any manner, is processed through and accounted for on a stock record account before issue. All property, except real property, is classified for property accountability purposes as nonexpendable and controlled, expendable or durable."

Directorates can nominate employees for the Garrison Supply Excellence Awardee of the Quarter at the end of each quarter throughout the fiscal year. Supervisors across Garrison and one from the Logistics Readiness Center vote on the nominations to name the quarterly awardees.

Crook, who was nominated by Anthony Udeli, DPW management and program analyst, was selected as the fourth-quarter employee.

Fort Leavenworth Fire Depart-

ment Capt. Joshua Carroll, Directorate of Emergency Services, was selected as the first-quarter supply excellence employee; Kristina Russell, Directorate of Human Resources, was named the secondquarter employee; and FLFD Lt. Jeffrey Cheney, DES, was selected as the third-quarter employee.

Crooks said her main responsibilities are creating work orders, purchase requisitions and credit card purchase requests. She said work orders or purchase requisitions for any work done on Fort Leavenworth runs through her division.

Crook attributed work days running smoothly to her coworkers.

"We have a fantastic team with great leadership, and we work very well with each other," she said. "Towards the end of the fiscal year, my job can get busier due to having to transfer things over to the new fiscal year, or last-minute projects when money has become available, but all in all, like I said earlier, we all do our part to take on different tasks to get the job done and help each other if needed."

Udeli said that since Crook's arrival to DPW in March 2024, she has exceeded expectations.

"In the short time she's been working at DPW, her dedication, hard work and professionalism have made an incredible impact to her colleagues and the organization."

Udeli noted in his nomination for Crook that after she completed extensive Government Purchase Card training, she'd go on to purchase nearly \$250,000 in goods and services to support all divisions in DPW, but that she sought out supplemental training before initiating any purchases.

"In doing so, she has created and continued to develop a positive working relationship with the Garrison Resource Management team on behalf of the DPW cardholder program. She has relayed accurate and relevant information to other team members and higher authority. She has also assisted other team members with technical issues related to Microsoft Office and the (General Fund Enterprise Business System) portal," Udeli wrote in the nomination. "Despite being tasked additional duties, Audrey (has) maintained a positive attitude with how she goes about her work and has set a great example for others to emulate. Her willingness to learn and succeed has also fostered great trust outside the directorate."

Crook has been at Fort Leavenworth since November 2019. Prior to her job at DPW, she was an inmate services clerk at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks. She said the training she received from her supervisor and co-workers helped prepare her for her current job.

"When I first started, everyone was very helpful with answering any questions I had," she said. "They helped guide me through the training I had to complete in order to do my job."

Udeli said Crook inherited several GPC actions, made more challenging when the previous card holder who initiated the purchases departed.

"She worked diligently to understand the issues related to the actions and competently corrected any actions that were in error," Udeli noted in the nomination. "Her execution in processing purchases quickly and accurately has greatly minimized the number of delays for the end user."

Udeli said Crook's quick understanding of the GPC process was crucial to obligations being fulfilled. He said DPW's supply program is one of the most complicated in Garrison, involving grounds maintenance, facility repairs, general officer furnishings and administrative supply actions. He noted that she maintained impeccable GPC records and tracking logs, and that she also took on additional responsibility for making GPC purchases for the maintenance shops when they were short staffed.

"Mrs. Crook's contributions have not only enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations but have also inspired her colleagues to strive for excellence. Her dedication and hard work are a testament to her character and make her a valuable asset to our team," Udeli said. "She is a prime example that leadership is not just an assumed title, but for anyone who can inspire and influence people by providing purpose, direction and motivation."

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### Sisters work, train at USDB (continued from Page A1)



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Pvt. Samiya Jones, C Company, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks Battalion (Corrections), Army Corrections Brigade, and her sister, Reserve Staff Sgt. Jamaica Jones, 88th Military Police Company, 535 MP Battalion, 290th MP Brigade, out of Fort Eustis, Virginia, pose in front of the USDB Headquarters building Jan. 23. Samiya Jones has worked at the USDB for about two years, and Jamaica Jones was training in the USDB last week with her Reserve unit.

the corrections job is like for her sister was eye-opening.

"I definitely commend her for doing this every day; it's definitely a hard job to do," Jamaica said.

In addition to the Virginia MP company, Reserve units from Florida, New York, Nebraska and California have also trained at the USDB for deployment missions and assisted with USDB operation, but this was a first for sisters from the partnered units to work together.

"Over seven iterations of having Reserve units here, this is the first time that we've had one sister in the active duty and one sister in the Reserve, and them getting to work together ... — not compared to combat, but definitely (in) a stressful environment — and in this situation it is kind of peculiar, because the younger sister ... gets to teach the older sister what (active-duty corrections work) looks like," said Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dodds, USDB Directorate of Operations.

A recent Army structure change transferred the mission of detainee operations — the internment and resettlement duties that were the responsibility of ACB and similar units — to Reserve and National Guard units. Members of the 88th MP Company, 535 MP Battalion, 290th MP Brigade, out of Fort Eustis, Virginia, spent time in their home state in December learning from USDB personnel and obtaining necessary certification, and then spent two weeks in Kansas in January, working alongside experienced corrections specialists for on-the-job training, and then "posting" to do those jobs on their own. The training adds the corrections capability to the Reservists' military police skillset.

"They essentially take over the prison, and it allows us to take our active-duty Army soldiers out of the prison to get after the annual training guidance that we can't usually do — when they aren't here, we can't afford to take people out of the prison to do training, because we still have to provide care, custody and control for the inmate population," Dodds said. "This gets after the active-duty training for our guys and allows the Reserve unit to train for their upcoming mission... So, recognizing that a lot of those units don't have the corrections expertise, and recognizing our need in shortages, we made this what we call Training and Legacy Week, and we've used this concept to help train those Reserve units and allow them to get operational experience in the environment that they're going to be working in when they are deployed to (overseas confinement facilities) or working in the detainee ops displaced civilian kind of environments."

ground checks and more, and the Reserve training and prison manning partnership started up again in August 2024.

"A little over a year and a half ago when I got to the unit, we realized that within the Army Corrections Command, and specifically Army corrections facilities, we don't have enough active-duty 31-Echoes (corrections specialists) to perform the jobs that we are required to do," he said, noting that additional temporary manning was approved for military police soldiers in the 31B military occupational specialty to assist with the corrections mission. "And, so, the Army gave us an initial batch of 31-Bravos, military police soldiers, but then later we realized that that wasn't enough. In order to help us facilitate our mission and our annual training requirements, we would partner with the 200th MP Command, which is the headquarters of the Reserve military police force."

This partnership, as well as some happenstance, Dodds said, is what allowed the sisters to work inside the prison together.

While working in the USDB at the same time, the Jones sisters performed escort duties, moving inmates from place to place within the facility and to appointments.

Jamaica said she also gained experience in the many different jobs within the prison, listing some of the care, custody and control responsibilities within the USDB involving the Special Housing Unit with high-risk inmates, access control within the prison and daily operations managing inmates and staff.

Dodds said after each Reserve training iteration, an after-action review is conducted to keep improving the program.

complex because of the environment and the potential for contraband to get in the hands of inmate population. And so, given those challenges, you really rely on your training to get you through the day."

USDB personnel trained the Reservist MPs on proper restraint, frisks and searches, cell inspections, escort procedures, riot control, ways inmates try to manipulate staff, observation reports, disciplinary reports and more.

"They trained us really well in the short time that they had us here," Jamaica said.

Dodds said interpersonal communication was another important, and potentially lifesaving, skill that was part of the training. He provided an example comparing the 31B and 31E MOSs to help illustrate why interpersonal communication is so vital when working in the prison.

"As a military police soldier, when she initiates a traffic stop, and she talks to that person who committed that traffic infraction, she'll go up to the window, ask for the license and registration, and she'll talk with that person probably once, give them a ticket or don't give them a ticket, and she will more than likely never see that person again that (she) pulled over. Whereas, in this (prison) environment, that soldier that works on the floor is working with that inmate or encountering that inmate, and that inmate can be a murderer, it can be all types of heinous individuals — she doesn't have backup, she doesn't have a weapon, and she doesn't have anything aside from a radio and the way that she communicates with the inmates to keep her safe," Dodds said. "So where (the road MP) only encounters that driver once and has a taser and has a weapon and all this stuff to keep herself protected, the prison guard essentially

The USDB had partnered with a Reserve unit from New York early in 2023, but Dodds said the program didn't have the management needed at the time to keep it going. Shortly after he arrived at Fort Leavenworth, he worked to revive the program, which involved coordination with post entities for housing, food, transportation, as well as back"We look at what went well, what needs to be improved upon, and how we can make it better for the next group," he said. "This current unit, the 88th, is the largest unit we've had here — they have 106 people here. They've worked in every position within the prison because we have slowly built it until it is this great product."

Samiya said her first MOS choice was actually in the medical field, not corrections. Dodds said the corrections MOS is generally not a popular choice for new soldiers.

"Most people do not want to join the Army to work in this career field. This is one of those career fields where you're working with the worst of the worst day in and day out. We have low acquisition numbers for 31-Echoes, coupled with environment that we work in is challenging," he said, noting that so many of the normal day-to-day habits of the community are not allowed in the prison, which adds to the complexity. "You can't bring your smartwatch and track your steps; you can't have your cell phone and have easy access to your loved ones who are not in the prison — everything in this environment becomes more

just has the that she communicates."

He said interpersonal communication skills become more developed over time, and that MPs are some of the best communicators in the Army because they deal routinely with highly stressful situations where words can have so much power.

Samiya recognized the importance of IPC for a corrections specialist.

"Someone who just graduated high school, like 18 years old, coming to tell a grown man what to do, some people don't like that, so it's just all about how you carry yourself and how you talk to keep your rapport good," Samiya said.

While she might have known more about corrections than her older sister, Samiya said Jamaica helped prepare her before she joined the Army.

"She helped prepare me in the aspects like what to expect — the authority — some things that I'm not used to back at home; understanding that I am in a career field — this is my life and my job and profession — and how to be professional and conduct myself, on and off of work."



## Pet of the Week



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Asher is a 2-year-old male tabby cat available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. The adoption fee to adopt a cat/kitten is \$75 and helps cover some of the care received, including spay/neuter, microchipping and vaccinations to date.

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The Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, at 510 Organ Ave., is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and by appointment

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Info: (913) 683-2537

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#### Feb 7 2025, 12 pm

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#### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! 🗙

12th Brick will be CLOSED from Jan 27 - Feb 4 for renovations.

But, The Strike Zone Snack Bar, Solarium Buffet, and Fairway Grille will be open for all your lunch needs! **Check them out!** 

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#### 2024 - 2025 FRIDAY FUN DAY CALENDAR

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## January 2025 No meet up! Enjoy your Holidays!

May 9 Farewell June 27 Potluck

July 18

Education Fair

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November 8 Thanksgiving Potluc

December 13 White Elephant Gift Exchange Holiday Traditions

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#### 2025 Islamic Holy Times of Prayer: Frontier Chapel



#### Dates: Ramadan: 01 - 29 MAR 25

Location: Please come to Room 111 in Frontier Chapel for Individual Prayers

Frontier Chapel: 625 Thomas Avenue

Time: 0900-1700 (MON-FRI and SUN)

Please see your unit chaplain or call the Religious Support Office at 913-684-2210

#### Lewis & Clark Building will hold Midday Prayers in the Faculty Lounge (MON-FRI)



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



## Ash Wednesday Services

Protestant: 05 MAR 25 Faculty Lounge, Lewis and Clark Building Time: 0730-0800

#### FORT LEAVENWORTH NEW CDC DETOUR ROUTE



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#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025



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#### Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM CST

## History Brunch: A Contribution to Victory: Western University's Vocational Training Program for WWI

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#### FORT LEAVENWORTH LAMP



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0530			Spin (Karyn)			
0930		Zumba (Lydia)		Zumba (Lydia)		
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1630	Hot Yoga (Kim)	Zumba (Lydia)	Power Cycling (Kim)	Zumba (Lydia)		
1730			Power Yoga (30min) (Kim)			

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
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### Workshops

#### Watercolor

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Watercolor (Basic Techniques) Tuesday, Jan 21 11am - 1pm

Watercolor (Color Theory) Tuesday, Jan 28 11am - 1pm

Watercolor (Valentine Cards) Tuesday, Feb 4 11am - 1pm



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Watercolor

(Landscapes)

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(Florals)

Watercolor

Tuesday, Feb 18

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#### Intermediate

#### \$20 per class

Tuesday Jan 28 6:30pm - 8pm



#### Reoccurring Classes MUST PRE-REGISTER Intro to Framing \$40 per class Every 2nd Thurs & 4th Sat of the month 10am - 2pm

Paint & Sip \$35 per session

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Thursday, Jan 16

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## January & February

### Workshops

#### Acrylic

\$35 per class

Acrylic Pour Wednesday, Jan 29 11am - 1pm

Acrylic Pour Wednesday, Feb 26 11am - 1pm





\$30 per class

Valentine Wreath Thursday, Jan 30 11am - 1pm

Macrame Plant Holder Friday, Feb 28 11am - 1pm





\$35 Must be 21 years or older. BYOB



\$15 per class (ages 7+)

Popcorn & Pollock Wednesday, Jan 22 1pm - 3pm Thursday, Jan 23 4pm - 6pm

Muffins & Michelangelo

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025





#### FORT LEAVENWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT OPENINGS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Special Education Para Educators
- Food Service Manager
- Food Service Cook
- Full-Time & Daily Substitute Teachers
- Full-Time Bus Aide
- Full-Time Bus Driver
- Special Education Teacher K-5
- Special Education Teacher 6-9
- Early Childhood Pre-School Special Education Teacher

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## 2024-2025 School Calendar

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	July 23	Patton New Parent Meeting	- 5:00 PM		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31				July 24	Elem. & Patton Enrollment A	-L 8:30 AM - 3:	00 PM	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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S	М	Т	W	Th	F	S	Aug 12	Patton Parent Know Your Sch	nool - 9:30 AM-	12:00 PM	S	М	Т	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3	Aug 12	Elementary Parent Know You	ır School - 1:00	PM - 3:30 PM							1
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Aug 13	First Day of School			2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Aug 13-22	Kindergarten Half Days			9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Aug 23	Parent/Teacher Conferences	- 8:00 AM - 3:3	80 PM - No School	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 26	Kindergarten Full Day Schedule Starts				24	25	26	27	28	
							Aug 30	Staff PD Day - No School									
	Se	pter	nbe	er 20	024		Sept 2	Labor Day - No School/No St	aff		March 2025			5			
S	M	Т	W	Th	F	S	Oct 11	Half Day PD/Half Day Gradin	g - No School		S	М	Т	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Oct 14	Columbus Day - No School/M	lo Staff								1
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Oct 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences	- 8:00 AM - 7:0	00 PM - No School	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Oct 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences	- 8:00 AM - 12	:00 PM - No School	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Nov 11	Veterans Day - No School/No	o Staff		16	17	18	19	20		22
29	30						Nov 27-29	Thanksgiving Break - No Sch	ool/No Staff		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							Dec 19	Half Day of School/Half Day	Grading - No Pr	reschool	30	31					
	October 2024 D		Dec 20 - Jan 3	Winter Break - No School													
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		1	2	3	4	5	Jan 7	First Day Back for Students			S	М	Т	W	Th	F	S
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - 1	No School/No S	taff			1	2	3	4	5
13	14	15	16	17		19	Jan 31	Parent/Teacher Conf - 8:00 A	M - 3:30 PM -	No School	6	7	8	9	10	11	12



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### Fort Leavenworth Care Options Available for Summer 2024 & School Year 2024-2025

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



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 via email based on the sponsor's priority and request for care (RFC) date.

#### Make sure you are requesting the best Care Option(s) for your childcare needs... Go to our <u>CYS Facebook</u> page or <u>FMWR-CYS website</u> to review the:

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# MUNSON NOTES

■ 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 COUN-CIL**. Volunteers can be active-duty, activeduty 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 familiy 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.

■ Service members, retirees, family members and Department of Defense federal employees on Fort Leavenworth are EL-**IGIBLE TO USE THE ARMED FORCES** WELLNESS CENTER FOR FREE. This includes physical fitness testing, body composition analysis, stress management, improving sleep habits and individual health coaching. You set the goals; the AFWC staff puts you on the path to achieving them. Programs are individualized to address your current needs, motivation and confidence level. Visit the Fort Leavenworth AFWC in Eisenhower Hall or call 913-758-3403 to schedule an appointment. The health educators are also available to go mobile, taking their class to units or organizations on post and family readiness groups. To learn more about AFWC services visit https://dvidshub.net/r/8wttlf.



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Signs and Symptoms

Not everyone with SAD has the same symptoms, but they can include:

- Sad, anxious, or "empty" feelings
- Feelings of hopelessness, guilt, worthlessness, or helplessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities you used to enjoy
- · Fatigue and decreased energy
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering details, and making decisions
- · Thoughts of death or suicide

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a condition in which some people experience a significant mood change when the seasons change. SAD is not considered a separate disorder but is a type of depression.

- Oversleeping
- Overeating, particularly with a craving for carbohydrates
- Weight gain
- Social withdrawal (feeling like "hibernating")
- Difficulty sleeping
- · Lack of appetite
- Irritability and agitation

samhsa.gov/mental-health/seasonal-affective-disorder

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## Is being a patient and family advisor right for you?

#### We are looking for volunteers who can:

- Partner with other patients and staff to help improve care
- mprove care
   Represent the interests of all patients cared
- for by the military treatment facility
  Work well in teams and have fun!



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