



## Combined Arms Center & Fort Leavenworth Garrison

### Bi-Weekly Update

15 - 28 February 2013



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### SOLDIER & FAMILY INFORMATION

**Army Community Service Classes:** Army Community Service is offering a variety of trainings and events this month. Look for several Financial Readiness, Mobilization & Deployment, Family Advocacy, and New Parent Support classes. For a detailed list of ACS classes please visit the Community Calendar at [www.fortleavenworthfmwr.com](http://www.fortleavenworthfmwr.com). All ACS classes are highlighted in yellow.

**FAMILY AND MWR** offers many great events and activities every week!

Where to find FMWR information:

- Insider e-Newsletter - <http://www.fortleavenworthfmwr.com/index.php/newsletter>
- Website - <http://www.fortleavenworthfmwr.com>
- Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/FortLeavenworthFMWR> - giveaways every week!
- General questions - email us [usarmy.leavenworth.imcom-fmwr.com.mbx.leav-mwrmtg@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.leavenworth.imcom-fmwr.com.mbx.leav-mwrmtg@mail.mil)

**Coming up in the next couple of weeks:** For detailed information about all our events, go to the FMWR Community Calendar - <http://www.fortleavenworthfmwr.com/index.php/community-calendar>

**Like Fort Leavenworth on Facebook:** Fort Leavenworth - <http://www.facebook.com/ftlvn>

Fort Leavenworth FMWR - <http://www.facebook.com/FortLeavenworthFMWR>

Fort Leavenworth Lamp - <http://www.facebook.com/leavenworth.lamp>

**SKIES Winter/Spring:** SKIES Unlimited registration is now open for Winter/Spring 2013 classes. Sign up at any CYSS facility, on Webtrac or call (913) 684-3206/3207.

**Leisure Travel:** Leisure Travel Services, located in the historic old DB, has discounted tickets and special offers available for military, family members, retirees, and DoD civilians. Tickets are on sale for **Disney on Ice, Mary Poppins, Stomp, Professional Bull Riding, Arenacross** and more! Stop by their location at 310 McPherson Ave. from Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or call (913) 684-3377.

**Youth Spring Sports Sign-Up:** CYSS Spring Sports Season starts April 1 and registration is just around the corner. **Soccer** for ages 5-14 is \$40. **Softball** for ages 8-12 is \$45. **Baseball** for ages 5-12 is \$45 and **Start Smart Baseball** for ages 3-5 is \$20 with an optional, \$36 participant kit. The Start Smart season begins April 9. Registration runs Feb. 4 through March 5. Register at any CYSS location (if centrally registered with Fort Leavenworth CYSS). All youth must have an updated sports physical before the first practice. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information call the Youth Sports and Fitness office at (913) 684-7525 or 684-7526.

**Children's Valentine Coloring Contest :** Bring your little ones by the FLFHC office in February to pick up a coloring sheet – all submissions must be received by Friday, February 22nd. The winner will have their artwork displayed in the March FLFHC Newsletter. Coloring sheets can also be downloaded and printed from our Facebook page (search Fort Leavenworth Frontier Heritage Communities) and website ([www.ftleavenworthfamilyhousing.com](http://www.ftleavenworthfamilyhousing.com)) <<http://www.ftleavenworthfamilyhousing.com>> !

**Dining Facility: Ethnic Observance** - You are cordially invited to join members of the Fort Leavenworth community for the Black History Month Lunch February, 14 from 11:30 -1300 at the Installation Dining Facility. The menu will consist of the following: Grilled Steak, Breaded Pork Chops, Fried Catfish, Baked Potato, Sweet Potato Fries, Southern Style Greens, Corn on the Cob, Black Eyed Peas, Broccoli and Cheese Sauce, Rolls and Blueberry Pie.

Meal rate: No cost to meal card holders (SIK) Soldiers. Lunch Meal Rate \$4.60

- Lunch Pasta Bar February 15, 2013. This is in addition to your lunch entrée.

- Taco Bar February 26, 2013. Every Tuesday Lunch Meal This is an addition to your entrée.

- Soul Food Thursdays will continue on February 21.

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**CARL Library:** The CARL will be closed on Monday, 18 February in observation of President's Day. Please call 913-758-3001 for more information regarding all announcements.

- Story Time for youngsters and their parents will be held at 1000 on Wednesday, 20 February, complete with stories about cats. Clifford will be the main attraction for the final Story Time at 1000 on Wednesday, 27 February. Please join us! Beginning in March, Story Time will no longer be held but will resume in the fall.

- The Combined Arms Research Library is preparing to move back into our permanent facility in Eisenhower Hall! Please keep an eye on our facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Combined-Arms-Research-Library/96615044031>), twitter (@CARL\_Library), and web page (<http://carl.army.mil/>) for changes regarding events and hours that may be influenced for the duration of our big move.

**ACT/SAT Study Seminars:** Get your teens ready for college. Sign them up for one of our ACT/SAT study seminars. Mondays, Feb. 25, March 11 and 25, April 15 and 19, from 6:15-7:25 p.m. at Harrold Youth Center. Each session will cover general information, scholarship assistance and an introduction to ACT/SAT study software. A snack is provided. Register by the Thursday before each seminar. Call (913) 684-5164 or 684-5118 for more information and to sign up. For youth in grades 9-12 only.

**President's Day Bowling:** The Strike Zone will be open on Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 18 with Lunch and Bowl from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and BOGO from 3-9 p.m. For more information, (913) 651-2195.

**ACS Relocation Fair:** If you are PCSing or moving soon, make sure to put the ACS Relocation Fair on your calendar. It's Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Resiliency Center. Call (913) 684-2800 for more information.

**Military Saves Week:** Join the Fort Leavenworth community for 'Military Saves Week – Start Small, Think Big', February 25-March 2, 2013! Military Saves is a national campaign to encourage servicemembers, their families, and civilian employees to take the Military Saves pledge. For more information visit [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org).

**Women for Women Support Group:** ACS EFMP is starting a new support group for military connected spouses with chronic medical or life threatening health conditions. The first meeting of the Women for Women Support Group is Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Resiliency Center. This is a planning meeting for facilitators and participants to determine future meeting times, frequencies, topics and possible guest speakers. Please call (913) 684-2800 to register.

**Cooking Class:** FLFHC will be having their first cooking class of the year! Join us on Thursday, February 28th at the Fort Leavenworth Hunt Lodge from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. for cooking presentations by Luigi's & Mike of Lansing Liquor & Wine located in Lansing. Every one of the Fort Leavenworth Community over the age of 21 is invited to attend. Seating is limited, RSVP to [fhc@themichaelsorg.com](mailto:fhc@themichaelsorg.com) or call 913-565-9806.

**2013 Slim Down Fort Leavenworth Kick-Off Event:** Grab a friend and join us in the 2013 Slim Down Fort Leavenworth Challenge. This 12-week challenge will kick-off at the Gruber Gym on Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m. Marcy Sedwick, a Registered and Licensed Dietician from Munson Army Health Center will be providing tips and nutritional advice on how to keep motivation up and the weight down. After the health presentation, Gruber Gym Fitness Instructors will offer assessments to give an idea of what your Fort Leavenworth gym has to offer. Come in your workout gear! Registration begins Tuesday, February 19th. To register or for more information contact [fhc@themichaelsorg.com](mailto:fhc@themichaelsorg.com) or call 913-565-9806.

**Hunting Dog Competition:** The Rod and Gun Club's Spring 2013 Hunting Dog Competition is Saturday, 9 March in Area F, by Sherman Army Airfield (assuming there is not a repeat of Spring 2011's flooding; if flooding occurs, the Competition will be moved to an off-post alternate location). This event will be conducted similar to the Club's previous Hunting Dog Competitions using two fields supporting up to 28 teams.

A team consists of one dog (pointing or flushing), two hunters and seven total shotgun shells. At least three pheasants will be in the field for every team. The focus is on a safe hunting experience for the humans and the dog's training in finding and retrieving birds. The event is open to Club members, active duty and retired military, military dependents, Federal employees, and invited guests in the area. Entry fee is \$55 for Club members or \$65 for non-members

For more information or entry forms contact the Competition's Committee Chairman at 684-7620 or Assistant Chairman at 684-3417.

**DEERS/ID Card:** The Fort Leavenworth DEERS/ID Card section will be closed from 1 April 2013 through 2 April 2013 due to mandatory system upgrades required by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). We will re-open for walk-ins at 1200 on 3 April 2013. Please call 913-684-2175 to confirm our systems are operational prior to doing a walk-in on 3 April. We are unable to service any customers with ID Cards or DEERS on these days. This includes ID Card issuance, adding spouses or dependents to DEERS, printing DD 1172-2's, pin resets or any other function performed by the DEERS/ID Card section. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, however these upgrades are mandatory and beyond our control. If you have any further questions, feel free to call 913-684-2175 or 913-684-2636.

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**ICE:** To leave a submission in ICE use the following link. [https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site\\_id=445](https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=445)



**Army Career & Alumni Program (ACAP) Sponsored Events, Training, & Counseling:** ACAP Office at new location, Resiliency Center, 600 Thomas Ave, Bldg 198, 3rd floor, North end. Army Career & Alumni Program (ACAP) Sponsored Events, Training, & Counseling:

- The next Job Fair on Fort Leavenworth is scheduled for 9 April 2013 and will be held at the Frontier Conference Center from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be approximately 60 companies represented, and all of them are looking specifically for personnel with military experience. We've seen some extraordinary success stories come out of previous job fairs, let's add yours to the list.

- Join us for "Cussen about Money"; a Brown-Bag lunch class for those interested in learning about different aspects of finance, investment, and credit. Classes are taught by ACAP's very own Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) and Accredited Financial Counselor. The upcoming class topics will be:

13 Feb – IRA and Qualified Plans

27 Feb – College Savings Accounts

13 Mar – Basics of Investing

27 Mar – Introduction to Stocks

10 Apr – Introduction to Bonds

24 Apr – Introduction to Mutual Funds

8 May – Introduction to Annuities

22 May – Credit Scores and Reports

12 Jun – Overview of Debt

26 Jun – Overview of Home Purchasing

10 Jul – Introduction to Taxes

All classes will be held in building 198, Resiliency Center from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you plan on attending, please RSVP at 913-684-ACAP (2227) or email us at [acap.leavenworth@serco-na.com](mailto:acap.leavenworth@serco-na.com) so we can ensure that enough class material is on hand for all attendees. Bring your lunch, napkins are provided.

If you believe that one or more of the classes listed above may benefit your organization, arrangement may be made so that we will go to your location. Call for more information.

- ACAP is available to assist military members from any branch who are separating after 180 or more continuous days of active duty service. ACAP will also assist military spouses, retirees and their spouses, retired government civilian employees, and veterans who separated within the previous 180 days.

All Soldiers, regardless of rank, must start the transition process at least 1 year prior to their scheduled separation date. Personnel contemplating retirement may start 2 years out, but not less than 1 year.

Services ACAP offers includes resume writing skills, job search skills, interview skills, and assistance with choosing a career path. To set up an appointment with one of the ACAP Counselors, please call (913) 684-ACAP (2227).

- The next three Transition Assistance Program workshops are scheduled for 19-22 Feb, 18-22 Mar, and 15-19 Apr. The skills acquired in this workshop will greatly enhance employment chances and marketability.

- Disabled Transition Assistance Workshops (DTAP) given by Veteran's Affairs are held at the ACAP office monthly. Anybody leaving the military that has a service related disability or may be submitting paperwork for disability is highly encouraged to attend this workshop. The next three DTAPs are scheduled for 25 Feb, 25 Mar, and 29 Apr.

- ACAP holds a class monthly on the Federal Resume system. The next three classes are 28 Feb, 28 Mar, and 25 Apr.

- Soldiers can initiate their pre-transition counseling at home or at work by visiting [www.acap.army.mil](http://www.acap.army.mil) and clicking the link named "Preseparation Counseling" in the top right of the page, then logging in with their AKO username and password. Soldiers will still need to visit ACAP to complete the counseling and to schedule TAP workshop attendance. To schedule an initial ACAP appointment, attendance to TAP or DTAP, or to attend the Federal Resume system class, please call 913-684-ACAP (2227) or email [acap.leavenworth@serco-na.com](mailto:acap.leavenworth@serco-na.com)

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**ASAP:** The Overall ASAP program hours of operation are from 0730-1630 hour Monday – Friday. However, the ASAP clinical hours of operation are from 0800-1100 reopen 1300 - 1600 hrs. In and out processing for Soldiers arriving of departing this installation is conducted by Clinical ASAP Bldg 198, Room 269 between (0800 -1100) Monday – Thurs; closed for lunch 1200-1300 hrs. Clinical ASAP will be closed for training on Fridays.

- The ASAP will conduct an EAP supervisor Workshop for 21 February 2013 from 0900-1100 is full. The next workshop opportunity will be April 0900-1100 hrs at Armed Forces Insurance conference room. The Employee Assistance Coordinator will be on annual military training from 9-25 March 2013. The ADCO will be providing coverage for the Employee Assistance Program during her absences.

**ACES:** Army Education Center location, 120 Dickman Ave, Bldg 62, Basement.

It is critical each Soldier understands a rule change that will occur on 1 August 2013 concerning the transfer of their Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Since the Post 9/11 GI Bill was implemented on 1 August 2009, qualified Soldiers have been allowed to transfer their Post 9/11 benefit to their spouse or children listed in DEERS. When the transfer is requested the Soldier incurs a four-year Additional Service Obligation.

A temporary rule was established that reduced this Additional Service Obligation until 1 August 2013 as follows; 1) Soldiers that had 20 or more years of service on 1 Aug 2009 -- no Additional Service Obligation is required; 2) Soldiers that had 19 but less than 20 years of service on 1 Aug 2009 -- the Soldier incurred a one year Additional Service Obligation from the date the request was submitted; 3) Soldiers that had 18 but less than 19 years of service on 1 Aug 2009 -- the Soldier incurred a two-year Additional Service Obligation from the date the request was submitted; 4) Soldiers that had 17 but less than 18 years of service on 1 Aug 2009 -- the Soldier incurred a three year Additional Service Obligation from the date the request was submitted.

This temporary reduction in Service Obligation expires on 1 August 2013. It is important each Soldier eligible for the reduced Additional Service Obligation transfer the benefit prior to 1 August 2013 or they will incur the full four-year Additional Service Obligation. This can either delay a desired retirement or keep a soldier from transferring their benefit.

If you have any questions please visit the Fort Leavenworth Education Center or visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

## OPERATIONS

**Fort Leavenworth Recycling:** Office Hazardous Waste - did you know that some of the things you toss in the trash at the office are considered hazardous waste even though you can toss them out legally at home. These include all types of batteries, tube and compact fluorescent bulbs, cleaners, solvents, glues, paints, toners and print cartridges, to name the most common. Collect these things for your building or organization and call DPW Environmental Division (684-8975/8980) or bring them to Building 80 (McClellan and McPherson) for proper and legal disposal.

**See the next page for Pet Adoption!**

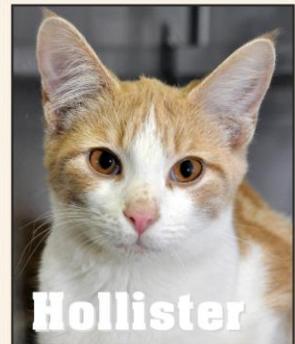
# Adopt a Pet!

Read more about each pet at  
[www.PETFINDER.com](http://www.PETFINDER.com)

Visit the VTF: 831 McClellan  
Call: (913) 684-6510



These great pets are available for adoption at the  
**Fort Leavenworth Veterinary Treatment Facility.**  
Call (913) 684-6510 or visit the VTF at 831 McClellan Ave.  
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M, T, Th, F & 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesday.



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Adoptable pets are listed on [www.PETFINDER.com](http://www.PETFINDER.com).