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Colorado Springs Labor Day LIFT OFF

A WEEKEND IN THE CLOUDS!



FESTIVAL DATES

Sep 5–Sep 7, 2026
(See full schedule inside!)



TOP LOCATION

Memorial Park
Colorado Springs, CO



TICKET INFO

Free & Paid Events
Prices, Passes & More



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Balloon Launches, Drone Show,
Live Music, Fireworks & More!



EXPERIENCE MORE

Food Trucks, Vendors,
Beer Garden & More!



ALWAYS CHECK OFFICIAL WEBSITES
FOR THE LATEST SCHEDULES
& WEATHER UPDATES!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

5:15AM	Park and Concessions Open
6:00AM	Drone Show
6:30AM	Opening Ceremony
7:00AM	Beer & Mimosa Gardens Open
7:00AM	Balloon Lift Off
7:00–10:00AM	Ninja Nation Obstacle Course
8:30AM	Remote Control Balloon Display
9:00AM	USAF Wings of Blue Skydive Jumpers
10:00AM	SUP Colorado Springs

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

5:15AM	Park and Concessions Open
6:00AM	Drone Show
6:30AM	Opening Ceremony
7:00AM	Beer & Mimosa Gardens Open
7:00AM	Balloon Lift Off
7:00–10:00AM	Ninja Nation Obstacle Course
8:00AM	Concert Series 41D Mile High Rock Band
9:00AM	Remote Control Balloon Display
10:00AM	Park and Concessions Close

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

5:15AM	Park and Concessions Open
6:00AM	Drone Show
6:30AM	Opening Ceremony
7:00AM	Beer & Mimosa Gardens Open
7:00AM	Balloon Lift Off
7:00–10:00AM	Ninja Nation Obstacle Course
9:00AM	Remote Control Balloon Display
10:00AM	Park and Concessions Close



MEMORIAL PARK
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

See you
in the sky! ♥



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TWO MILES TO TOMORROW

SAVE THE DATE

SEP. 17 | 4:30 P.M. | IRON HORSE PARK



ASAP
ARMY SUBSTANCE
ABUSE PROGRAM

988

SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE



Two-mile community walk
Food trucks on-site
Open to all Fort Carson Soldiers, Families, and Civilians.

Questions?

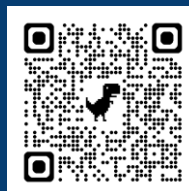
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Save the Date

11TH ANNUAL

PATRIOT DAY

GIVE BACK

SEPTEMBER 11

OPENING CEREMONY 8AM

For military, veterans, first responders and their families.

FREE

DRIVE-THRU

NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD

FRESH FOOD

& MORE!

Join us for our Patriot Day Give Back Event as we come together to honor service, sacrifice, and community. This year marks a powerful moment of reflection as we commemorate America's 250th Anniversary, 25 years since 9/11, and 10 years of serving our community at VSC. We invite military members, veterans, first responders, and their families to join us for a morning of remembrance and support.

Opening Ceremony at 8:00 AM, followed by a free drive-thru event featuring non-perishable food, fresh food, and more.



SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



1110 W. Moreno Ave. | 719-309-4752 | VeteransCenter.org

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Hiring Our Heroes

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

★★★ FORT CARSON ★★★

CAREER SUMMIT

& Peterson SFB Networking Reception



Register now!



SEPTEMBER 16 - 17

Transitioning service members, veterans, military spouses, and military caregivers are welcome.

SEP 16	SEP 16	SEP 17	SEP 17
MILITARY SPOUSE WORKSHOPS	NETWORKING RECEPTION	TRANSITION WORKSHOPS	HIRING FAIR
10 AM - 2 PM	5 - 7 PM	9 AM - 12:30 PM	1:30 - 4 PM
Penrose House	Peterson SFB Hub Community Center	Elkhorn Conference Center	William Reed Special Events Center

*The DoW and Service Branches are not responsible for their products or services.

Hiring Our Heroes



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2026 Military Retiree Appreciation Day

HONORING YOUR SERVICE!

COME CELEBRATE & CONNECT

OCTOBER 17TH, 2026

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**THE ELKHORN CONFERENCE CENTER
1725 WOODFILL ROAD, BUILDING 7300
FORT CARSON, CO 80913**

- **COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST**
- **HEALTH & WELLNESS CHECKS**
- **INFORMATION & SUPPORT**



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The Steven A. Cohen
Military Family Clinic
at Red Rock



Walk In's
Welcome
No Registration
Required

3RD ANNUAL Trunk or Treat

October 24, 2026

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Calling all military and veteran families!

The Cohen Clinic is transforming into a Halloween haven where community partners and our dedicated staff will be decorating tables to create a trunk-or-treat experience like no other.

Your little ghosts and goblins can enjoy plenty of treats, including candy and non-candy goodies, all in a warm and welcoming environment—no need to worry about the weather!

Location

The Cohen Clinic at Red Rock
1915 Aerotech Drive Ste 114
Colorado Springs, CO 80916
Office: 719-370-5141

• kwhite@red-rock.com

More Info



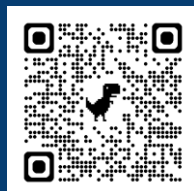
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★ Celebrate Community. Honor Heritage. Create Memories. ★



FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT 2026

56TH ANNUAL FOUNTAIN VALLEY FALL FESTIVAL

HONORING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY
& COLORADO'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026



PARADE BEGINS

10:00 AM

DOWNTOWN FOUNTAIN



FESTIVAL OPEN

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

FOOD • VENDORS • FUN FOR ALL AGES

SUPPORT LOCAL. SHOP LOCAL. CELEBRATE LOCAL.

★ Fountain Proud. Community Strong. ★



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FOUNTAINVALLEYCHAMBER.COM



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Join Us!

A DAY OF
TRADITION,
CELEBRATION &
COMMUNITY!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS

PBS KIDS

FEST

SAVE THE DATE!
¡GUARDAR LA FECHA!

COLORADO SPRINGS
SEPTEMBER/SEPTIEMBRE 19

PANORAMA PARK
4540 Fenton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80916

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OFF-POST EVENTS

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES & LOCATIONS



Fort Carson

600 Chiles Ave., Fort Carson

05 Sep 2026 | 10:00AM - 11:30AM

19 Sep 2026 | 10:00AM - 11:30AM



Fort Carson Prussman Chapel

BLDG 1850, Fort Carson

03, 10, 17, 24 Sep 2026

Thursdays | 5:30PM - 6:30PM



Norris Penrose Event Center Upper Lot

1125 W. Moreno St.

11 Sep 2026 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

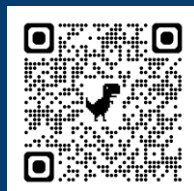
25 Sep 2026 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM



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FRIDAY

11 SEPTEMBER, 2026
8AM OPENING CEREMONY

**Mt. Carmel
Veterans Service Center**
530 Communication Circle
Colorado Springs, CO



**We help by
providing:**

- Food
- Beverages
- Resources
- Sports Equipment
- Community



SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

PATRIOT DAY

Food Distro
Sign-up



Please sign up ahead of time to
ensure everyone is taken care of:



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**STRONGHOLD POP-UP
FOOD PANTRY**

**For military families
needing food support...**

WHERE: FORT CARSON, CO
WHEN: OCTOBER 3, 2026
TIME: BY APPOINTMENT

**SERVING AMERICAN
MILITARY FAMILIES**



**STRONGHOLD
FOOD PANTRY**

WWW.STRONGHOLDFOODPANTRY.ORG

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Applications **OPEN** SEPTEMBER 1!

*Bringing Holiday Joy to
Fort Carson Families!*



**YOU WILL
NEED:**



DD-1172-2
(DEERS)

AND



LES or STP
FROM THE LAST
90 DAYS



APPLICATION LINK:

MPSW APPLICATION



[https://form.jotform.com/
mpswsapplications/2026-mpsw-application](https://form.jotform.com/mpswsapplications/2026-mpsw-application)

GOLD STAR FAMILY APPLICATION LINK:

GOLD STAR FAMILY APPLICATION



[https://form.jotform.com/
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CHILDREN
0-18 YEARS OLD



ACTIVE DUTY
STATIONED AT
FORT CARSON



RETIREES
WITHIN
2 YEARS



**GOLD STAR
FAMILIES**
WITHIN
2 YEARS



**SUPPORTING
MILITARY FAMILIES**
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



WE HELP



Together, we make the holidays brighter!

★ MOUNTAINPOSTSANTASWORKSHOP.CO.COM ★

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ARE YOU READY ★ FOR THE ★ 2026-2027 TOY RUCK SEASON?

★ What's a toy ruck?



A toy ruck is when a unit—often during PT hours—signs up to **donate toys** to Santa's Workshop.



Soldiers fill their rucks with toys, books, and games for **children ages 0-18**, then ruck together to our workshop off Wallace Street.



Over the years, units have made the experience even more special by inviting families, wearing festive attire, and singing along to holiday music as they march. In some cases, entire battalions or brigades participate in one large ruck.



Toy rucks provide the majority of our donations, and every contribution **stays on Fort Carson** to support Fort Carson families.



FORT CARSON... ★ ★ ★ SET UP A RUCK!



CONTACT OUR RUCK COORDINATOR AT
mpsw.ruckcoordinator@gmail.com



★ TO SCHEDULE YOUR UNIT! ★

★ Together **ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE** brighter! ★



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TRANSITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TOWNHALL

Discover the resources, training, and career opportunities available to assist you in successfully navigating your transition from military to civilian life.



Wednesday
9 SEPTEMBER



10:00am - 11:00am

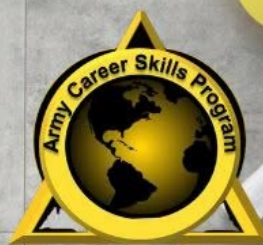


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**SAVE
THE DATE**

TWO DAY TRACK

Employment Track
Vocational Track
Educational Track
Entrepreneurship Track



DODSKILLBRIDGE

**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR
TRANSITION**

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Warrior Fest

A resource fair to celebrate
Veterans and assist them
with getting connected to
VA and Community
services & resources



VA services

Community
Organizations



10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Friday September 11th,
2026
John Venezia Park
3555 Briargate Pkwy
Colorado Springs, CO
80920



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INTRO TO CODING

— NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED —

Explore High-Demand Careers in Software Development



BUILD SKILLS. EXPAND CAREER OPTIONS.

Whether you're preparing for transition or simply curious about technology, this free introductory session will show you how coding and AI are changing the future of work—and how military members can take advantage of these opportunities.

No prior coding experience required.



Real-world skills



High-demand careers



Future-focused opportunities

EVENT DETAILS



HOSTED BY
Era Solutions

in partnership with COITB.org & VetBoss



LOCATION
Fort Carson

In-Person Classroom Environment



DATES

September 21st, 2026 –
September 25th, 2026

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- ✓ What software developers actually do
- ✓ Why application development is one of the fastest-growing career fields
- ✓ How AI is transforming modern software development
- ✓ Beginner-friendly coding concepts
- ✓ Career pathways, certifications, apprenticeships, and training opportunities
- ✓ How military experience translates into technology careers



MISSION BRIEF

Technology employers continue to face a significant shortage of software developers across the United States. Learn how coding skills can open doors to careers that offer:



HIGH
DEMAND



COMPETITIVE
SALARIES



REMOTE &
HYBRID
OPPORTUNITIES



OPPORTUNITIES
BEFORE & AFTER
MILITARY SERVICE



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Active Duty • Veterans • Military Spouses
Transitioning Service Members
No technical background required.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT



**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**

Space is limited.
Register today to
save your spot!



Or visit:
bit.ly/4cNa36F

BUILD THE FUTURE
GAIN IN-DEMAND

CONTINUES IN TECH.
WHAT'S NEXT.

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ACS
Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

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EFMP

Exceptional
Family Member
Program

Special Education Laws & Understanding IEP/IFSP/504

**Hosted by ACS EFMP and Peak Parent
Open to all DoD ID Card Holders**



- Gain a clear understanding of IDEA, IEPs, IFSPs and 504 Plans
- Learn the roles of Parents, Students and School Staff

**September 23
11:00 AM**

Grant Library, 1637 Flint Street,
Bldg 1528, Fort Carson

Sign up here:



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fort carson employment readiness program

BASIC KEYBOARDING & COMPUTER SKILLS

Join us & learn how to...

- *sit comfortably at a computer
- *apply basic finger placement
- *identify specific keys & rows
- *practice simple typing drills
- *build essential keyboarding skills



Scan to register

September 28, 2026 10-11am
Education Center, BLDG 1117
1675 Long Street, Fort Carson



FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

Carson.ArmyMWR.com/ACS



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COFFEE CONVERSATIONS *with Employers*

Where Networking Meets Opportunity

Open to all DoD ID Card holders

Military spouses especially encouraged!

Join us for informal networking with local employers in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Bring your resume (if you have one), ask questions, and explore career opportunities.

Location: Army Community Service

Bldg 1526, 6303 Wetzel Ave

In-person attendance highly encouraged (MS Teams option available).
Questions? Please call the Employment Readiness Program

TO REGISTER



September 29, 2026



**FRONT
RANGE**
STAFFING

0930-1030



UNITED STATES ARMY
CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

1030-1130

Contact your ACS Employment Readiness Team For Dates & Employers (719) 526-0452



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DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

FREE For Children Newborn–5 Years Old

September 3rd from 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Ivy Child Development Center

September 24th from 3:30–5:30 p.m.

YMCA, 2190 Jetwing Drive Colorado Springs

Hosted by Army Community Service (ACS), Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) in collaboration with The Resource Exchange and The New Parent Support Program

- Screening helps determine if a child is meeting developmental milestones
- Early identification can address potential concerns and support skill-building, strengths, and overall quality of life

**Service Animals welcome; Parents/guardians must remain with their children throughout the event.*

Registration HERE:



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Perinatal, Infant, & Pediatric Loss Remembrance Service

Reading of Baby Names ~ Prayers ~ Scripture Reading
Butterfly Release Ceremony ~ Healing Message

Friday, October 2, 2026
12:00 p.m.

**West Lawn,
Evans Army Community Hospital**

Point of Contact
jennifer.d.houser.civ@health.mil



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Mental Performance Program

Train the Mind. Strengthen the Identity. Thrive Beyond Service.

Discover how to carry the warrior mindset forward to continue performing at home, at work, and in your community.

6 week series on Soldier Identity

Open to Active Duty and Veterans



Starting: Thursday September 3rd
at 4:30-5:15 pm

**at Mt. Carmel Veteran's Center,
530 Communication Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80905,
in the Multi Purpose Room**

**RSVP using the QR code or
contact Emily Goodson
at emilyac1goodson@gmail.com**

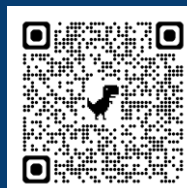


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Spouse Meet-UP

Every Tuesday, 10:00–11:00am

Calling All Fort Carson Spouses!

Join ACS for this casual social, meet other spouses,
build friendships, learn about local resources,
share experiences and build community!
(children are welcome)

Army Community Service
6303 Wetzel Avenue, Bldg 1526



Sign up:



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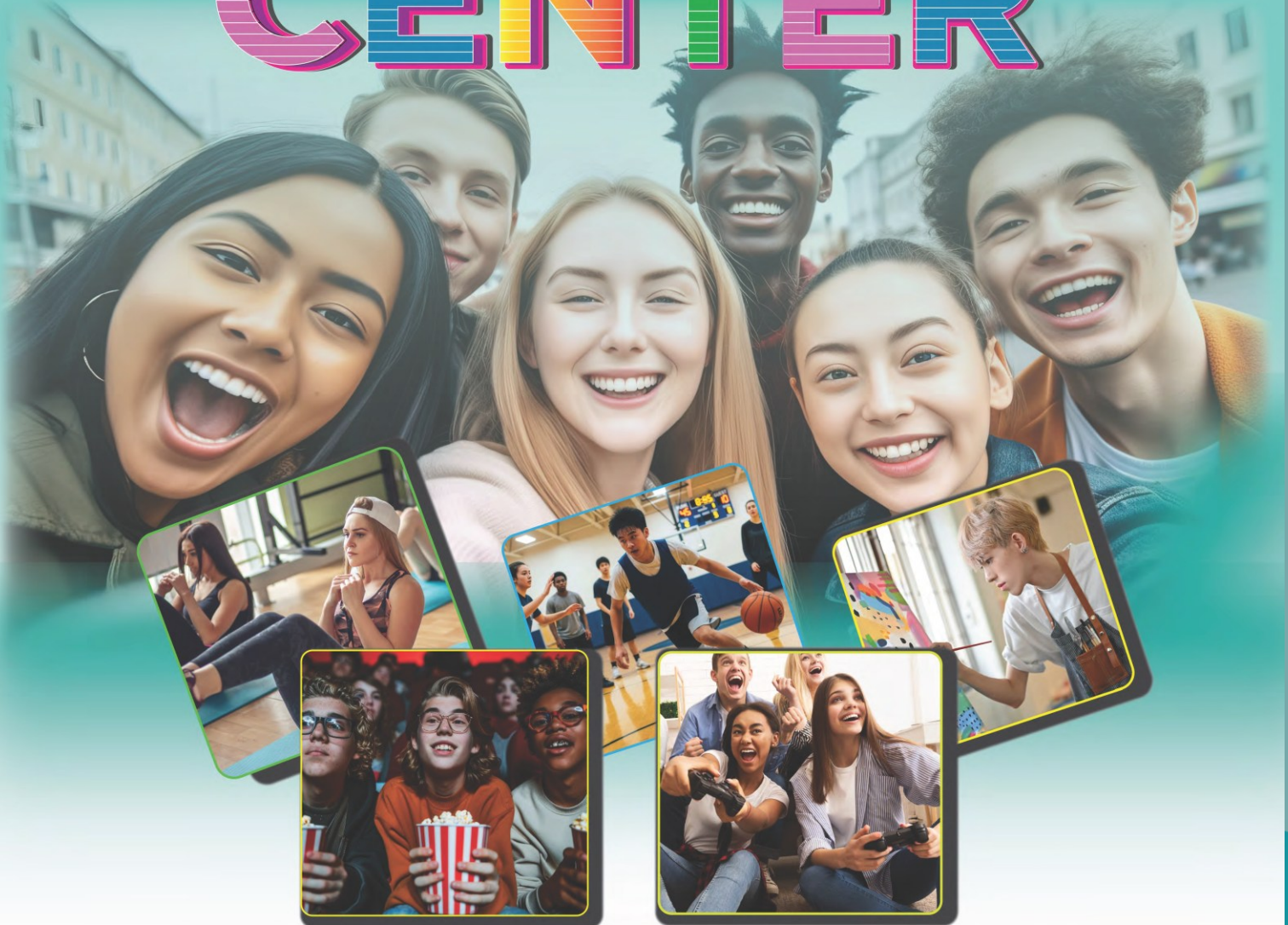
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YOUTH CENTER



A military fun place to spend time with friends, volunteers, participate in clubs, and more!

Fort Carson Youth 6th- 12th Grade
Free open recreation, clubs, snacks
and more!
School In (Monday - Friday 4-8 p.m.)
School Out (1-6 p.m.)

FOR MORE
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Chatter and Scatter

Open to all MILITARY Families
who have health needs

with Exceptional Friends



Enjoy FREE arts and crafts activities,
sensory toys and photos

10:00am - 11:30am

**1st Monday of
every Month**

Iron Horse Park, Fort Carson

*In case of inclement weather, location will move to ACS Annex, 1481 Titus Blvd, Bldg 7492

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WELCOME



Moving to a new installation can feel like scaling Pikes Peak, but you don't have to hike it alone!

- **Meet fellow spouses**
- **Get insider installation tips**
- **Grab a coffee with us!**

**25 JUL
22 AUG
19 SEP
24 OCT
9am-10am**

**04 AUG
15 SEP
5:30pm-
6:30pm**

FORT CARSON SPOUSE WELCOME

New View, New Community

REGISTER HERE:



**Army Community Service Center
6303 Wetzel Ave, Bldg 1526**

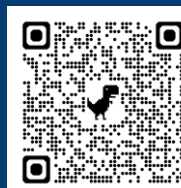


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Gain the mental **Edge** you need to dominate your **Fitness** goals!

Aspiring adventurers face cognitive demands that can stall the fitness journey. Army **READY** and **RESILIENT (R2)** Performance Teams provides the tools to sustain focus, manage fatigue, and perform at your peak.

Available anywhere - R2 Teams have options to meet your needs!



WHO?

You!

Individual Performance Coaching is open to all Soldiers, DoD Civilians or Family members interested in improving mental performance.

Regular Army, ARNG, USAR Soldiers, and their families are eligible for no-cost mental performance coaching anywhere in the world.



HOW

R2 Performance Coaches provide one-on-one coaching in person at installation performance centers, on location at relevant training sites, or remotely from your home or office.

R2 Performance Coaches work with you to identify your needs, prioritize skills and tools, and develop a tailored training plan to support your goals.



WHY?

Equip yourself to perform at your best!

- ✓ Boost physical endurance and stamina
- ✓ Fine-tune precision and motor skill control
- ✓ Enhance self-regulation and stress management

Your R2 Performance Teams can help you target exactly what you need to succeed.

Mental Readiness is within reach. Scan the QR code to download the Individual Mastery Performance Coaching (IMPC) consultation request form, or go here to learn more about what R2 Performance Teams can do for You or your Unit:



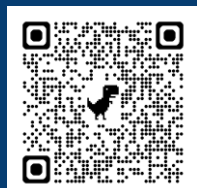
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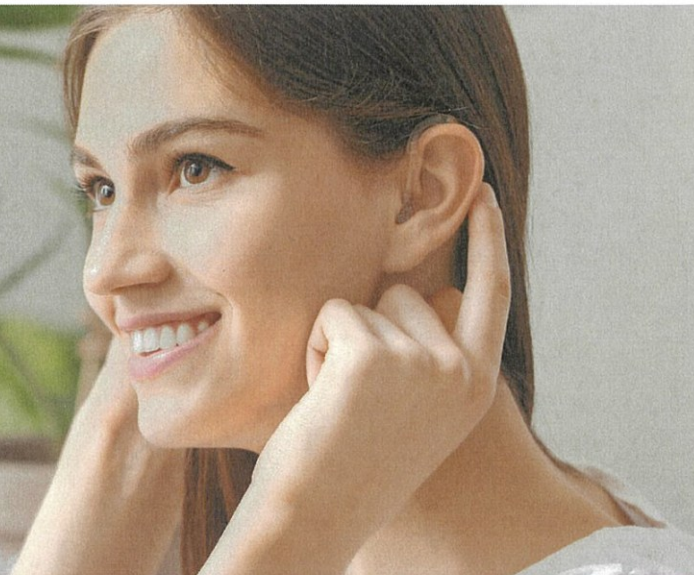


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The Hearing Aid Project (HAP) addresses the increased demand for hearing aids by providing direct assistance to qualifying individuals across the U.S.

We are proud to work with audiology and hearing aid professionals dedicated to helping individuals get the support they need. We have partnered with the Department of Hearing & Speech, University of Kansas Medical Center to maintain the program's official hearing aid bank.

1 What do we do?

The Hearing Aid Project aims to assist individuals who cannot hear without assistive devices by providing them with hearing aids that otherwise end up in landfills.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors and the medical expertise of our audiology partners, we are able to provide refurbished hearing aids, accessories and select services to those who need our help most!

2 How is HAP funded?

The Hearing Aid Project is supported by individuals like you! All monetary gifts go to directly benefit the Project and the individuals served.

If you would like to donate to HAP, you can visit HearingAidDonations.org or send a check to Sertoma International, c/o Hearing Aid Project.

3 How can I help?

We gladly accept all hearing aids regardless of age or condition. We are also happy to take any hearing aid accessories, unexpired batteries and unopened cleaning tools.

You can also refer potential patients or hearing health providers to us, set up local collection points and share HAP info in your community.

4 How can I send hearing aids to HAP?

Package your donation in a sturdy, crush-proof container along with your donation form from HearingAidDonations.org.

Ship all donations to the Hearing Aid Project, 20 W. 14th Ave., Ste. 135, North Kansas City, MO 64116.

Note: To ensure donations directly benefit HAP recipients, we do not cover postage costs.

HearingAidDonations.org | (816) 333-8300

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ADULT ESL CLASSES

FFC8 will be hosting another cohort of Adult English Language Learners!

Classes will be held at FFCHS and Fort Carson Education Center. Each class will be from 5 pm-7pm twice a week for ten weeks. Starting the week of September 14, 2026.

The class will focus on helping to communicate with teachers, workplace terminology, and larger community settings.

We will follow the FFC8 calendar-No classes the week of Oct. 12 and Nov 23

To sign up for the class please complete the google form linked in the QR code to the right or go this link. <https://forms.gle/er7xuBAUGRJ2nC53A>

For questions contact:

Mary Brennan

719-382-1300

mbrennan@ffc8.org



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For information visit vitalant.org/SeptDonorGift.
*Donor Rewards program opt-in required.



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AFSBn-Carson

Tuesday, September 8, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

AFSBn-Carson — 100561295
2400 O'Connell Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80913



Help patients through the Labor Day holiday by donating blood. Donate Sept. 1-10 and receive a \$20 Rewards gift card when you use code LABORDAY-2026-V when scheduling your appointment. You'll also receive a Halloween Tee! Donor Rewards program opt-in required. Find out more at vitalant.org/SeptDonorGift. Schedule your appointment today!

Visit donors.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive Code: 100561295

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FORT CARSON EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM AUGUST- DECEMBER 2026

NAVIGATING USAJOBS

Aug 25, 9:30-10:30
Sep 23, 1:30-2:30
Oct 21, 9:30-10:30

RESUME ESSENTIALS

Aug 5, 9:30-10:30
Sep 2, 1:30-2:30
Oct 1, 9:30-10:30
Nov 4, 1:30-2:30
Dec 2, 9:30-10:30

FEDERAL RESUME 101

Aug 26, 9:30-10:30
Sep 24, 1:30-2:30
Oct 22, 9:30-10:30

INTERVIEW SKILLS & TECHNIQUES

Aug 11, 9:30-10:30
Sep 8, 1:30-2:30
Oct 6, 9:30-10:30
Nov 10, 1:30-2:30
Dec 8, 9:30-10:30

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT TOOLS

Aug 12, 9:30-11:00
Sep 9, 1:30-3:00
Oct 7, 9:30-11:00
Nov 18, 1:30-3:00
Dec 9, 9:30-11:00

INTRODUCTION TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Aug 27, 8:00-4:00
Oct 29, 8:00-4:00
Dec 10, 8:00-4:00



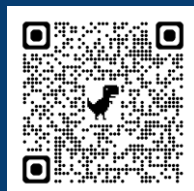
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FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM

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Army Community Service (ACS) Financial Readiness Program teaches Soldiers through classroom training and one-on-one counseling how to build a budget, set savings goals, strategies to eliminate debt, and prepare for financial emergencies.

Budget 101 - A Game Plan For Your Money

1st TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 1300 - 1400



Take control of your income & expenses, build a simple plan, create financial strategies that work in real life.

UPCOMING DATES

October 06	April 06
November 03	May 04
December 01	June 01
January 05	July 06
February 02	August 03
March 02	September 07

Credit 101 - Your Score & Report

2nd WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 1000- 1100



Stay on top of your credit. Help prevent fraud or identity theft by understanding your credit score and managing your credit report.

UPCOMING DATES

October 14	April 14
November 11	May 12
December 19	June 09
January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 09

TSP ROTH in-Plan Conversion

2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH- 1300- 1400



Help your future self avoid unnecessary taxes.

UPCOMING DATES

October 13	April 13
November 10	May 11
December 08	June 08
January 12	July 13
February 09	August 10
March 09	September 14

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) 101 - Your 401(k)

1st THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 1300- 1400



A beginner friendly class that breaks down how the TSP works, investment options available, and how to maximize your retirement savings.

UPCOMING DATES

October 01	April 04
November 05	May 06
December 03	June 03
January 07	July 01
February 04	August 05
March 04	September 02

Major Purchases - Home & Car Buying Guide

2nd WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 1300- 1400



Practical class that walks you through the steps, costs, and smart strategies for making two of life's biggest purchases with confidence.

UPCOMING DATES

October 14	April 14
November 10	May 12
December 09	June 09
January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 08

If you would like to attend one of the classes above, please register using the QR code



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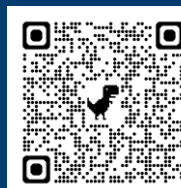
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THE FINANCIAL READINESS MILESTONE SCHEDULE

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Navigating Your Required Common Military Training (CMT)

Promotion CMT

1st TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH – 1300 - 1400



(mandatory for Service members in paygrades E-1 to E-5 and O-1 to O-4).

A new rank means a bigger paycheck—don't let it slide away before you can save it.

UPCOMING DATES

October 06	April 06
November 03	May 04
December 01	June 01
January 05	July 06
February 02	August 03
March 02	September 07

Permanent Change of Station CMT

1st WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 1000 - 11:00



A move can be expensive—don't let out-of-pocket costs drain your wallet. Maximize allowances, Budget for hidden costs of housing, utilities, and setup. Plan your move to keep your finances stress-free.

UPCOMING DATES

October 07	April 07
November 04	May 05
December 02	June 02
January 06	July 07
February 03	August 04
March 03	September 01

Marriage CMT (Major Life Event)

1st WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH- 1300- 1400



Blending your lives means blending your finances—start strong together!

Merge your budgets to align your financial goals. Manage joint accounts and tackle debt as a team.

UPCOMING DATES

October 07	April 07
November 04	May 05
December 02	June 02
January 06	July 07
February 03	August 04
March 03	September 01

Continuation Pay CMT

1st THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH – 1000 - 1100



Approaching 8 to 12 years of service under BRS?

Lock in your one-time mid-career cash bonus in exchange for your continued service. Don't leave free money on the table.

UPCOMING DATES

October 01	April 04
November 05	May 06
December 03	June 03
January 07	July 01
February 04	August 05
March 04	September 02

Divorce CMT (Major Life Event) Located at the ACS Annex

2nd Tuesday OF EVERY MONTH - 0900- 1000



Protect your financial health as you transition.

Update benefits by adjusting your, BAH, and tax withholdings.

Rebuild your budget as a single income household.

Separate joint accounts and protect your credit score.

UPCOMING DATES

October 13	April 13
November 10	May 11
December 08	June 08
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WEDNESDAYS

9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Build, create, and imagine with LEGOs!

Join the Grant Library LEGO Club and dive into a world of colorful bricks and endless possibilities. Whether you're a master builder or just starting out, we have all the LEGOs you need to bring your ideas to life.

All ages, All Day. No Registration needed.



Grant Library

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GRANT LIBRARY BOOK GIVEAWAY!



Grant Library is giving away over
2,000 free books!

There are hundreds of children's books for
all ages, plus many editions for adults.

This is a great opportunity for families, units,
and any ACS programs that support
children, teens, or adults.

LOCATION:



GRANT LIBRARY

Come browse the carts and shelves filled
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Grant Library September 2026



Weekly Events

Alternating Tuesdays: Lapsit
Sept. 1st, 15th, 29th at 10:30am
Ages 0-3 years

Wednesdays: Lego Club
all day
all ages

Thursdays: Story Time
10:30am
all ages

Fridays: RTAP
10am-11:30am
Active Duty: Sept. 4th, 18th
Spouses: Sept. 11th, 25th

Deployment Kits

More than just a box of books, they're
a break!

Take a well-deserved break from the
grind of deployment. Our kits include
highly-requested materials to help
pass the time.

Inquire at the front desk for more info!

Special Events

Sat. Sept. 5th: Grant Library is
Closed

Sat. Sept. 12th: Fall Recipe Swap

Fri. & Sat. Sept. 18th-19th: Camp
Stuffy

Sat. Sept. 19th: Teen Night 2pm
4pm

Makerspace

Come check out our makerspace!
Just give us a call or see the front
desk to inquire about using the
equipment.

3D Printer
Sewing machines
Art supplies
Crochet supplies
And more!

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**NEW
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Now offering 100% discount on childcare for the first child,
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- * Certain benefits are subject to CYS Employees only

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BooFest is coming this October.

More details coming soon on the Fort Carson MWR Facebook page.



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Join us for one final summer splash!

September 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at the Ellis Outdoor Pool.

Just \$5 Per Pup — Humans Get In *FREE!*

** *FREE HOT DOGS +*
*PAW-SOME RAFFLE PRIZES!***



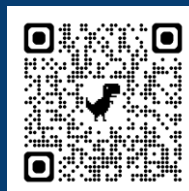
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volunteer opportunities

Care and Share Food Bank on Fort Carson

When: 0900 – 1200 on 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Sat, Sep 5 and Sat, Sep 19, 2026

Where: Old Abrams Elementary (600 Chiles Ave, Fort Carson, CO 80902)

Volunteer Opportunities: Sort food, prepare boxes/bags, maintain a clean and welcome environment, perform intake activities, assist by answering questions load groceries in vehicles.

Volunteers Needed – Just show up at 0830 (no registration needed) POC: brooks.a.joseph.mil@army.mil

Susanne Watts (Susanne.m.watts2.civ@army.mil)

Log hours on VMIS under Fort Carson Operation Good Samaritan (Off Post)

CYS Youth Sports Coaches

When: Summer, Fall and Winter sports seasons

Volunteer Opportunities: Coaches/Assistant Coaches

- Football, soccer, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, tennis, track and more!

Contact Youth Sports at (719) 526 – 4425 to get more information.

Colorado Springs Sports Corp

Event: Labor Day Lift Off

When: Sep 4-6, 2026

Help celebrate 50 years of this iconic balloon festival!

Volunteer Opportunities: Parking Support, Balloon Crew and More!

Contact Sports Corp via email at: volunteer@thesportscorp.org to express interest

Event: Pikes Peak Regional Airshow

When: Sep 19-20, 2026

Take part in honoring aviation excellence!

Volunteer Opportunities: Parking Support, Admissions, Security and More!

Contact Sports Corp via email at: volunteer@thesportscorp.org to express interest

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Humane Society Pikes Peak Region Pawtoberfest 2026

When: Sat, 12 Sep 2026

Volunteers Opportunities: The day before the event 11 Sep (1-4 pm), Festival Support 12 Sep (1-4:30 pm) and Event Clean Up on 12 Sep (330 pm-7:30 pm)

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volunteer opportunities

Tumbleweeds at the Mountain Post Store

When: Monday–Thursday 1100–1500, Friday 1300–1700, and Saturday 1100–1500

Where: 1510 Chiles Ave, Fort Carson, CO 80913

Volunteer Opportunities: Support daily store operations by opening and closing the store, maintaining coverage during business hours, greeting customers, processing transactions, handling cash accurately, assisting with event setup, and providing customer service to help sustain Military Community vendors.

For more information or to volunteer sign up join Tumbleweeds' volunteer Facebook group called 'Tumbleweeds of the Mountain Post'

Sign up for VMIS or log onto VMIS. Search for 'Tumbleweeds' and apply for the Store Volunteer position.

Family Nurturing Center

Where: ACS Annex (1481 Titus Blvd. Bldg. 7492, Fort Carson, CO 80913)

Volunteer Opportunities: Assisting with children's programs

- Nurturing Families through Play: Tuesdays from 1030 – 1230
- Nurturing Parenting: Wednesdays from 930 – 1145 & 1730 – 1945

Sign up for VMIS or log onto VMIS. Search for 'Nurturing' or 'ACS Soldier and Family Readiness'

Army Community Services Special Events

When: Ongoing

Where: Locations will vary depending on the events. All events will take place on Fort Carson

Volunteer Opportunities: Spring Fest, Freedom Fest, EFMP Trick or Treat and MORE!

Sign up on VMIS to volunteer for our next special event! Search in Opportunities for ACS Special Events

Have a volunteer need? Contact Army Volunteer Corps and fill out our Needs Form.

usarmy.carson.id-readiness.list.dfmwr-acs-army-volunteer-corp@army.mil



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