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Our mission at ACS is to prepare and empower our Total Military Family to meet the challenges of military life by providing essential programs, resources, and services that enhance knowledge, life skills, well-being, quality of life, and retention.

Speak to Your Love

Learn to Speak to your love through
The Five Love Languages and by engaging Fun & Friendship in your relationships



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Community Events Bulletin

Health expo

A Mountain Post Recreation Health Expo takes place Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event includes health, wellness and recreation vendors. For more information, go to @carsonmwr.

Digital Garrison app

For the latest updates on closures and facility hours, be sure to download the Digital Garrison app at the App Store or Google Play and register for Fort Carson. The app can transfer to the next duty station, so there will be no need to re-download it.

Fort Carson Tax Center update

In the past, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA) at Fort Carson has offered tax preparation services. Effective Oct. 5, a decision was made by the Department of the Army requiring Legal Assistance offices to cease assistance with tax preparation. As a result, the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office will no longer provide tax preparation services or a Tax Center. Tax preparation services will, however, be available to Gold Star Families.

To lighten the impact of this, the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office will provide eligible clients a weekly tax brief and other helpful resources.

The income tax brief will be offered at building 6222 every Friday at 1 p.m. beginning Jan. 6 and ending April 14, the Friday before Tax Day. The brief will cover the most frequently asked questions surrounding income taxes and provide attendees a next step in the tax preparation process. All attendees will also receive an income tax legal information paper, which will detail various topics in income tax law. The Legal Assistance Office will also provide resources for locating free civilian tax preparation services.

DEERS hours change

Effective Jan. 16, due to limited staff, new hours for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Report System (DEERS) office are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday. The office will be closed for lunch from 11 a.m. to noon. Due to staff shortages wait times will be longer than normal. Appointments are encouraged by using https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/.





Community Events Bulletin

DFMWR events-

- --Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) will host the Mountain Post Recreation Health Expo Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the William "Bill" Reed Special Events Center. There will be local health, wellness and recreational vendors as well as many Fort Carson agencies. There will be giveaways, prize drawings, free face painting and food and beverages for purchase. For more information, visit https://carson.armymwr.com/calendar/event/mountain-post-recreation-health-expo/5747920/73595.
- --Intramural Sports will offer Open Pickleball Play at the Special Events Center starting Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Equipment will be provided at no cost to the patron. For more information, contact Intramural Sports at 719-526-7585 or email Lorraine.thorson.naf@army.mil.
- --Intramural Sports will be conducting a six-week league for volleyball. The season runs March 14 to April 21. Games will be played on different days of the week, depending on the number of teams that sign up for the league. Games times will be 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the Special Events Center. A 12 -team single elimination tournament will be conducted the week of April 24. For more information or to register, email Lorraine Thorson at lorraine.thorson.naf@army.mil.

New Exchange recycle hours-

The Exchange recycle location's new hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The location is closed on federal holidays. An attendant is available to provide recycling assistance. The Exchange collection site accepts cardboard, mixed paper (white paper, newspaper, magazines, shredded paper, junk mail, etc.), aluminum, tin, plastic, glass, non-accountable/expendable metals and ink and laser printer cartridges. Customers can also bring the following nontraditional items for recycling:

- --Electronics, including computers, cellphones, DVDs, TVs and other devices. There is a limit of one CRT TV or one flat screen TV accepted per family. (Only personal, non-government, electronics will be accepted.)
- --Porcelain (remove hardware and rubber gaskets)
- --Mattresses (not box springs)
- --Batteries

The Exchange recycle location also accepts household hazardous waste from Fort Carson community members (ID card holders) who live in El Paso County, Colorado. Only household, non-military, products can be dropped off and containers must be labeled with the contents and have lids. The Exchange recycle location will not accept mixed products due to safety concerns. Attendants are on duty at the site to assist customers with their household hazardous waste. Likewise, residents of El Paso County can dispose of household chemicals at the El Paso County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. (https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/environmental-division/household-hazardous-waste/) Note that recycle locations cannot be used to dispose of household trash. Active-duty members within 30 days of PCS or ETS and who have orders can dispose of a limited amount of furniture at the Exchange recycle drop off location. Provide a copy of the orders to the on-site attendant to dispose of furniture. No one else is authorized to bring trash items onto Fort Carson, only recyclable items. If customers are unsure about what is accepted at recycle locations, call Directorate of Public Works Recycle Program staff at 719-491-0218.



Community Events Bulletin

Bridge lesson-

Learn to Play Bridge in a Day takes place Feb. 4 at Grant Library. Doors open at 11 a.m. Instruction is from noon to 5.p.m. This five-hour introduction to the game mechanics and basics of the game, will be taught by Patty Tucker, grand life master. Free pizza while supplies last, and prizes will be awarded. The event is open to Soldiers, Families, retirees, civilians, all ages. For more information and to register, call 719-526-2350

Active shooter response training-

Civilian Response to Active Shooter (CRASE) training takes place from 1-2 p.m. Feb. 7, May 9 and Aug. 8 at McMahon Auditorium. The course, designed and built on the Run, Hide, Fight (or Avoid, Deny, Defend-ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004, provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues and considerations for conducting drills.

VI photo studio-

The Multimedia Visual Information (MVI) Photography Studios has resumed accepting appointments for DA photographs but has limited services due to a staffing shortage. Each appointment is scheduled for 30 minutes. It is the Soldiers' duty to ensure their uniform fits properly and required medal racks are accurate, according to Army regulations. Soldiers must be at the studio ready to be photographed at the appointed time or will have to reschedule. To make an appointment, visit https://vios-west.army.mil. For more information, email usarmy.carson.imcom-central.list.dptms-visual-info-branch@army.mil.

New DMV hours-

Effective immediately, the new hours for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at Fort Carson's Mountain Post Soldier Center are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hazardous materials tracking system monthly training - The Department of the Army has adopted a web-based hazardous material tracking system, referred to as EESOH-MIS, which stands for Enterprise Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health – Management Information System. The EESOH-MIS is designed to provide a standardized tracking system to help minimize, control and track hazardous materials procured throughout the material's life cycle, commonly known as cradle-to-grave management. Army-wide use of the system will result in more accurate hazardous material inventories, less hazardous waste, increased safety and both cost and time savings.

To assist Fort Carson units and organizations with using the hazardous material procurement tracking system, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division offers EESOH-MIS training every second Wednesday of the month. The next training session is Feb. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the DPW, building 1219. Additional sessions can be scheduled as needed for individuals unable to attend the February training.

For more information about hazardous materials procurement, EESOH-MIS and Global Combat Support System – Army, or to register for the EESOH-MIS training, contact paul.m.trygstad.civ@army.mil, 719-524-1254.



Army Volunteer Corps - Did You Know?!

TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers provide services to organizations not covered under the federal statute and do so with no expectation of

compensation or benefit

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coverage.

"Are you the next volunteer?"

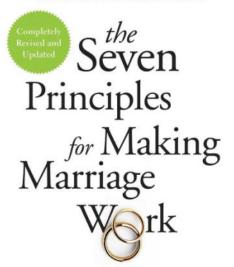
(719) 526-4590 CARSON.ARMYMWR.COM/ACS

Visit the AVC webpage **HERE!**



Family Advocacy Program - Did You Know?!

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER OVER A MILLION COPIES SOLD



A Practical Guide from the Country's Foremost Relationship Expert

JOHN M. GOTTMAN, PH.D.,





Feb 14th, Feb 23rd 12 pm - 2pm 1481 Titus Blvd., Bldg. 7492

Join ACS for an Introductory course to

the Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

Visit the ACS Family Advocacy webpage **HERE!**



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Family Advocacy Program - Did You Know?!

Commanders and Military Leadership

IAW AR 608-18, the Troop Education Program is a required prevention program consisting of annual troop education by ACS Family Advocacy Program staff for all Soldiers on the Family dynamics of spouse and child abuse, the availability of prevention and treatment services, and the Army's policies regarding Family violence. The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program provides this one hour brief to meet training requirements.

Briefings are scheduled on the following dates at McMahon Theatre from 10-11am:

07/16/22	01/12/23	04/20/23
10/07/22	01/20/23	05/04/23
10/20/22	02/10/23	05/19/23
11/04/22	02/16/23	06/09/23
11/17/22	03/03/23	06/29/23
12/15/22	03/16/23	07/13/23
12/16/22	04/14/23	07/28/23

ARTINY COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Troop
Training
for
Domestic
Violence
Prevention

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Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

To schedule a separate briefing for your unit, call (719) 524-0912 or (719) 524-1899.

Call (719) 524-0912 or (719) 524-1899 to schedule a separate briefing for your unit. Visit the FAP webpage <u>HERE!</u>



Exceptional Family Member Program - Did You Know?!

EFMP

101

Join us for EFMP 101, where program myths are busted, and accurate information is explained in detail. We'll help you understand the ins and outs of the program, how it affects you, and the services that are offered.



(719) 526-0461 CARSON.ARMYMWR.COM/ACS

Visit the EFMP webpage **HERE!**





Make your voice heard. Take the Exceptional Family Member Program survey today!

Provide your feedback to enhance the Exceptional Family Member Program.

Active-duty service members with a family member enrolled in EFMP can take the survey beginning Nov. 17, 2022.

Why take the 2022 EFMP Survey?

This is your chance to be heard on issues that directly affect you and your family! The survey asks about the EFMP enrollment process, Family Support services, assignment coordination during PCS and experiences outside of the program such as with medical and educational services.

We encourage service members to discuss the survey with their spouse or other adult family members to ensure the entire family's experience is represented.

Your feedback will help leadership make decisions about EFMP policies and can help make a difference for families like yours.

How to take the survey

Check your inbox! An email with a unique code to log onto the web-based survey will be sent to all active-duty service members with a family member enrolled in EFMP. If you do not receive an invitation to participate, visit www.dodsurvey.mil, click the "Click Here" button and enter your DOD ID number and date of birth.

All responses will be confidential.

Take the 2022 EFMP Survey and be heard!

Learn more about the survey at www.militaryonesource.mil/special-needs/efmp/efmp-survey/.













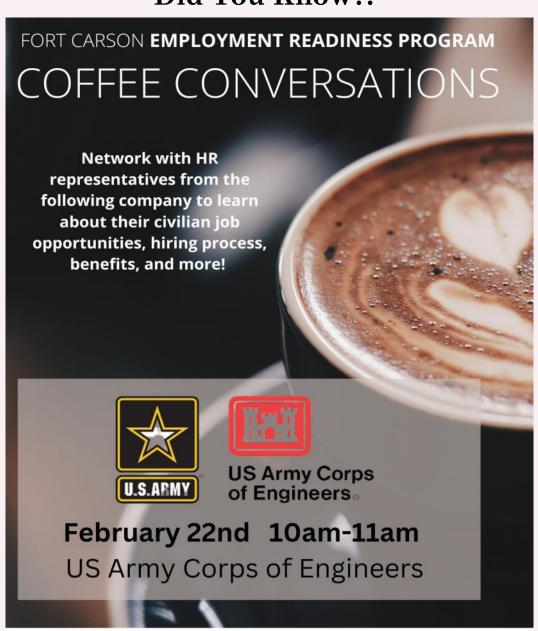




Visit the EFMP webpage **HERE!**



Employment Readiness Program - Did You Know?!



Army Community Service (ACS) 6303 Wetzel Avenue, Bldg 1526, Birch Room

Register: carson.armymwr.com/calendar or call ERP at 719-526-0452



Visit the ERP webpage HERE!



Employment Readiness Program - Did You Know?!



MILITARY SPOUSE PREFERENCE & FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Are you a Military Spouse interested in federal employment? You may be eligible for Military Spouse Preference (MSP) when applying for Department of Defense (DoD) positions. Learn the requirements and documentation needed for MSP and other federal Military Spouse hiring authorities







(719) 526-4590 CARSON.ARMYMWR.COM/ACS

Visit the ERP webpage HERE!



Financial Readiness Program - Did You Know?!



Interested in 'Setting Money Goals'?

Reach out to our Financial Readiness Program and make an appointment today!

(719) 526-4590 carson.armymwr.com/acs



Visit the FRP webpage **HERE!**



Information, Referral, and Follow-Up Program - Did You Know?!

Community Information Referral and Follow-Up

This program provides Fort Carson Commanders, Soldiers and Families with information regarding community resources. Also known as I&R, it is the initial point of contact at the Army Community Service (ACS)Center. Staff links customers withon-post or off-post agencies and services.





(719) 526-4590 CARSON.ARMYMWR.COM/ACS

Visit the I&R webpage <u>HERE!</u>



Mobilization & Deployment Program - Did You Know?!

CARE TEAM TRAINING

THE CASUALTY RESPONSE
(CARE) TEAM FILLS THE GAP
BETWEEN THE NOTIFICATION
TEAM AND PERSONAL SUPPORT
ARRIVING. TRAINING PREPARES
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DURING A
TIME OF TRAGEDY OR LOSS.



(719) 526-4590 CARSON.ARMYMWR.COM/ACS

Visit the MOB/DEP webpage <u>HERE!</u>



Relocation Readiness Program - Did You Know?!

MOUNTAIN POST WELCOME for Spouses & Families

Get acquainted with your new home and meet others who are also new to the area. Orientation features services and programs that are on and around Fort Carson. Soldiers encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, schedule a one-on-one.

(719) 526-4590 CARSON.ARMYMWR.COM/ACS

ALWAYS AT NO COST!

Visit the RELO webpage **HERE!**



New Parent Support Program - Did You Know?!

INFANT MASSAGE & BABY NURTURING

Systematic infant massage strokes alleviate colic, create strong bonds, increase the communication between baby and parent and provide a foundation of unconditional love and attachment. No registration required; walk-ins welcomed.

(719) 526-0461 CARSON.ARMYMWR.COM/ACS



Visit the New Parent Support webpage HERE!



Soldier and Family Assistance Center - Did You Know?!

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

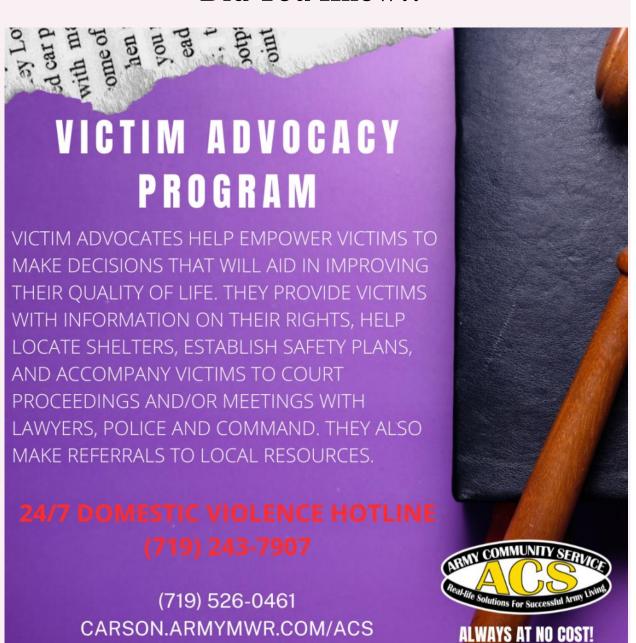
SCHEDULE YOUR ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT WITH THE SOLDIER AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER TO SUPPORT YOUR TRANSITIONS NEEDS: FINANCIAL COUNSELING, EDUCATION BENEFITS, LEAVE CALCULATIONS, RESUME ASSISTANCE, AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.



Visit the SFAC webpage <u>HERE!</u>



Victim Advocacy Program - Did You Know?!



Visit the VAP webpage <u>HERE!</u>



DATE	CLASS	TIME
February 7th	Boot Camp For New Dads	9 am - 12 pm
	Infant Massage & Baby Nurturing	9:30 am - 11 am
	Resource Overview	9:30 am - 11 am
	Understanding Your Credit Score	9:30 am - 11 am
	Center on Fathering	1 pm - 3 pm
February 8th	Resume Essentials	9:30 am - 10:30 am
	Financial Strength Budgeting 101	10 am - 11 am
	SFAC Transition and Medical Retirement Brief	10 am - 11 am
	Relationship Preventative Maintenance for Couples & Singles	1 pm - 3 pm
February 9th	<u>Toddler Time</u>	9:30 am - 11 am
	SFRG Informal Funds Custodian Training	10 am - 11:30 am
	<u>Financial Milestones</u>	1 pm - 2 pm
	SFRG Key Contact Training	1 pm - 2:30 pm
February 10th	Annual Troop Training for Domestic Violence Prevention	10 am - 11 am
	Play Group	10 am - 12 pm
	Newcomers Orientation "Mountain Post Welcome for Spouses and Families"	10:30 am - 11:30 am
February 14th	Introduction to the Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work	12 pm - 2 pm
	Speak to Your Love Seminar	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
	Cooperative Parenting and Divorce Class	9 am - 1 pm
	Infant Massage & Baby Nurturing	9:30 am - 11 am
	Baby Orientation	10 am - 11:30 am

Click **HERE** to check out the Fort Carson MWR calendar!



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DATE	CLASS	TIME
February 14th	Center on Fathering	1 pm - 3 pm
	<u>Heartbeat</u>	6:15 pm - 8 pm
February 15th	Military Spouse Preference & Federal Employment	9:30 am - 10:30 am
	SFAC Transition and Medical Retirement Brief	10 am - 11 am
February 16th	<u>Toddler Time</u>	9:30 am - 11 am
	Annual Troop Training for Domestic Violence Prevention	10 am - 11 am
February 17th	Financial Milestone: PCSing	9:30 am - 10:30 am
	Play Group	10 am - 12 pm
	Newcomers Orientation "Mountain Post Welcome for Spouses and Families"	10:30 am - 11:30 am
	Financial Milestone: Divorce	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
February 21st	Boot Camp for New Moms	9 am - 12 pm
	Infant Massage & Baby Nurturing	9:30 am - 11 am
	Navigating USAJOBS	9:30 am - 10:30 am
	Center on Fathering	1 pm - 3 pm
February 22nd	SFAC Transition and Medical Retirement Brief	10 am - 11 am
	Disabling Sickness or Condition: Financial Milestone Training	11 am - 12 pm
	Homebuyers Workshop	1 pm - 4 pm
	New Volunteer Orientation, VMIS and OPOC Training	1:30 pm - 3 pm
February 23rd	Federal Resume 101	9:30 am - 10:30 am
	SFRG Management Course	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
	<u>Toddler Time</u>	9:30 am - 11 am

Click **HERE** to check out the Fort Carson MWR calendar!



Army Community Service delivers classes and programs designed to help Commanders maintain readiness. Soldiers that have created healthy financial habits, strong relationship skills, and have Family members that are knowledgeable about where to go for resources and community information will be more equipped to face the stresses of deployment and general life in the Army. Army Community Service brings classes, briefs and programs to your unit's footprint to meet the needs of Soldiers and their Family members.

Army Community Service

Portable Class Delivery

Classes on your time, in a location of your choice, customized to your needs.

Do you need:

- 1.) examples of ways you can schedule an ACS class or presentation?
- 2.) to learn how to request a class, briefing, or presentation?
- 3.) helpful tips to make your training a success?
- 4.) to view the full portable class schedule and listings?
- 5.) other training ideas for your unit or group, and registration information?

Visit the Portable Class Delivery webpage <u>HERE</u>



MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE COUNSELING

Sometimes strength means asking for help. Military OneSource and the Military and Family Life Counseling Program offer free, confidential, face-to-face non-medical counseling to support you with military and family life challenges like preparing for and handling a move or nurturing a relationship with a deployed spouse.

REACH OUT TODAY!



If you wish to speak to an MFLC other than your identified MFLC, please call 719-526-4590 for assistance.

To speak to a Child and Youth Behavioral MFLC, please call Parent Central Services at 719-526-1101.



The Mountain Post Spouses' Club is an all ranks spouses group on Fort Carson dedicated to giving back to Soldiers and their families.

Membership is open to all spouses of the Armed Forces, both active and retired.

To learn more, visit: http://www.mpsc.us/ or call (719) 526-5966







PURPOSE

THE MOUNTAIN POST SPOUSES' CLUB (MPSC) SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE FACILITATES AND AWARDS **MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS** FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS IN THE COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO MILITARY COMMUNITY.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

- · GO TO WWW.MPSC.US
- CLICK ON "SCHOLARSHIPS" TAB
- COMPLETE APPLICATION AND EMAIL* TO OUR SCHOLARSHIPS CHAIRPERSON
- DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:: 30 MARCH 2023

WHO CAN APPLY?

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
SPOUSE UNDERGRADUATE
DEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATE
ADVANCED DEGREE (DEPENDENT OR SPOUSE)
CERTIFICATIONS (DEPENDENT OR SPOUSE)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- THE APPLICANT MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE PARENT/SPONSOR ASSIGNED TO A COLORADO SPRINGS MILITARY INSTALLATION OR, FOR RETIREES, RESIDE IN THE FORT CARSON COMMUNITY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT (OR PART-TIME, IF SPOUSE APPLICANT) AS DEFINED BY THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DURING THE 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR.
- ACCEPTANCE OR EXPECTED ACCEPTANCE TO AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION









Army Community Service



Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

Child and Youth Services

Community Events

Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center

<u>Financial</u>

Fort Carson Mountaineer

Fort Carson MWR Events

Fountain Fort Carson School District 8

Libraries

Outdoor Recreation

Peterson AFB MWR

Pikes Peak Cultural Events

Social & Dining

<u>Space Base Delta I (Peterson SFB, Schriever SFB, Cheyenne Mt. SFS)</u>

<u>Specialty Services (Shooting, Hunting, Fishing, Wildlife and Forestry)</u>

<u>Sports & Fitness (Intramural Sports, Aquatics, Fitness Centers, Climbing Wall, and more!)</u>

U.S. Air Force Academy

United Service Organizations (USO)















Warriors Warehouse 5769 Wallace St Bldg 1045 Ft Carson, CO 80913 Redistribution Center, Inc 12681 W 49th Ave. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

402-659-8755 ww.ftcarson.1045@gmail.com

303-263-9919

Facebook: Warriors Warehouse and the Redistribution Center, Inc.

Shopping Hours

Wednesday and Thursday 9AM to 12:30 PM Hours subject to change without notice

The Redistribution Center, Inc./Warriors Warehouse is a redistribution center that supplies Active Duty Personnel and their families, E-5 and below with FREE household items once every 30 days. These items are new to like new. We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Referral Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9 AM to 1 PM Hours subject to change without notice

The Redistribution Center, Inc./Warriors Warehouse provides food assistance, baby items to Active Duty Personnel; Veterans and their families on a REFERRAL basis. Referrals may come from Ft Carson Commands, ACS, The American Legion, Department of Veterans Affairs, AW2 Program, Mt Carmel, Marion House, and other agencies.

Donations

Monetary donations may be made through our website: www.redistributioncenter.org

Non Perishable items, New or gently used coats of all sizes, new toys may be donated to:

Redistribution Center, Inc Ranya Kelly 303-263-9919 Warriors Warehouse Donna Swanson 402-659-8755 Bldg 1045, Ft Carson

FRIDAYS

Jan 13 Feb 10 Feb 24 Mar 10 Mar 24





FOOD DISTRO

OPENS AT 11AMOR UNTIL SUPPLIES ARE DEPLETED

Norris Penrose Event Center Upper Lot – 1125 W. Moreno St. Across From Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center



Food Resources















FFC8 FOOD PANTRY

Through a combined effort with Care and Share, the district is able to provide families in need with fresh produce, canned goods, and other items. All FFC8 students, staff and families are welcome!

WHERE AND WHEN

Fountain YMCA

326 West Alabama, Fountain
(Across the street from FMS, use east entrance)
Wednesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.







School pantry days of operation follow the school calendar.





The Marian House Kitchen provides a balanced, nutritious, hot meal at no cost, 365 days a year. All welcome! Daily from 10:30am - 1:00pm.

To learn more go to **CCharitiesCC.orq**







CLIENTS CAN SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AND SHOP JUST AS THEY WOULD AT A STANDARD GROCERY STORE.

The Marian House Marketplace pantry is currently open for appointments Mon, Wed, and Fri each week from 1:30 - 5:00 pm. You can call 719.866.6288 or email pantry@ccharitiescc.org to enroll and/or schedule an appointment. To see a video of what the pantry looks like and learn more about their services go to

https://www.ccharitiescc.org/emergency-essential-services/marianhouse-nutrition-services/

> Check out their Facebook page at: Catholic Charities of Central Colorado



NURTURE THE LIVING CARE FOR THE WOUNDED AND HONOR THE FALLEN

Fort Carson & 4th Infantry Division

Chaplain Hotline

(719) 291-9619

A Chaplain is available to you 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Chaplains have complete confidentiality and are here to assist you





Fort Carson Religious Services

<u>Saturdav</u>

Agape (Contemporary)	Soldier Memorial Chapel	1800
	<u>Sundav</u>	
Catholic Mass	Soldier Memorial Chapel	0900 and 1100
Traditional Protestant	Healer Chapel (Evans Hospital)	0900
Traditional Protestant	Provider Chapel	1100
Gospel Service	Prussman Chapel	1000
Samoan	Veterans Chapel	1100
	<u>Tuesdav</u>	
Jewish Studies	Veterans Chapel	1200
	<u>Wednesdav</u>	
Wednesday Family Night	Soldier's Memorial Chapel	1700
	Monday - Friday	
Daily Catholic Mass	Soldier Memorial Chapel	1145
	<u>Fridav</u>	
Islamic Prayers	Provider Chapel	1315



scholarships

Mrs. Patty Shinseki Spouse Scholarship Program (AER)

MG James Ursano Scholarship Program (AER-For military kids)

My Career Advancement Account Scholarship (MyCAA)

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John D. Fry Scholarship

Nationwide Surviving Spouse and Dependent Children Scholarship Program

Fisher House Foundation Scholarship Program

Scholarships for Military Dependents

Military Spouse Scholarships

Military Family Scholarships

Freedom Alliance

CLICK HERE FOR MORE!









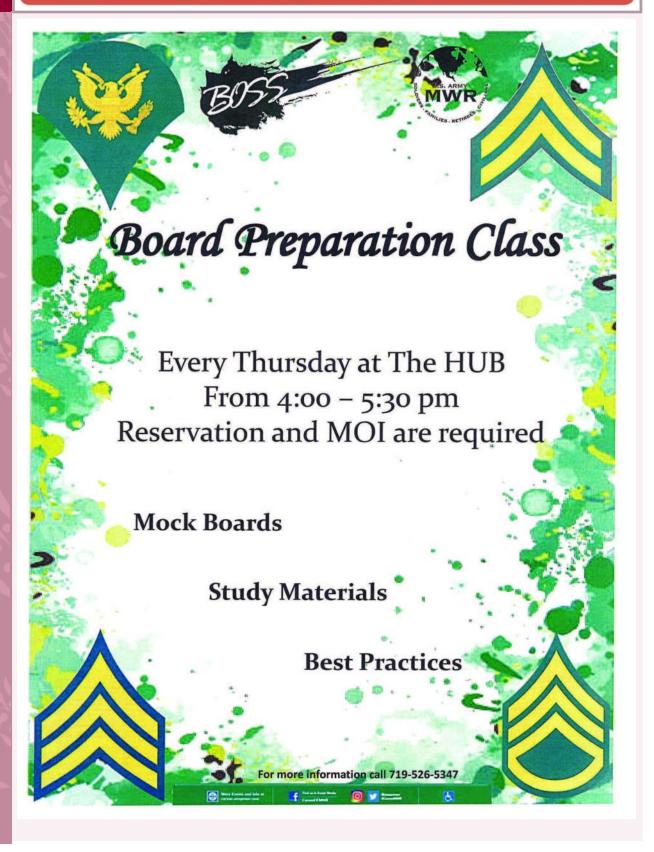
The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program represents the voice of the single Soldier. If you're a single Soldier, the BOSS triad advocates for you by advancing quality of life issues on the installation and in the barracks to senior leaders on post and throughout the Army.

"Let Your Voice Be Heard"



Meet at
The Hub
or call (719)
524-2677
to get
involved.









GREEN TO GOLD PROGRAM















We're looking for highspeed Soldiers with the drive, initiative and physical and mental agility to become the Army's next generation of junior officers.







Green to Gold briefings will be presented at the Education Center in Room 304 on the following dates from 1200-1315:

- 10 January
- 31 January
- · 21 February
- 7 March
- 21 March

Mr. Caughey will be present at the education center in Room 136 on Tuesdays 0930-1200, except 17 January, 14 February, and 28 March. Call or email ahead to make an appointment.

For more information:

- http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/enlisted-soldiers.html for all three Green to Gold options.
- armyrotc.uccs.edu or www.facebook.com/MrbArmyRotc for the Colorado Springs area program.

Point of contact is Mr. Don Caughey at 719-255-3475 or



On Fort Carson, you can reach out to the Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care (SUDCC) team for help. 719 - 526 - 7663 / 4585 Contact ASAP at 719 – 526 – 2727 for Education and Prevention support



The Army Substance Abuse Program's Mission is to sustain readiness and promote a healthy lifestyle in the Fort Carson community by providing education, quality assistance in order to reduce the impact of alcohol and other drug abuse that affects Soldiers, Families, Civilian Employees and Retirees. Their Vision is to reduce the negative impact of substance abuse at Fort Carson by providing quality Services.

Employee Assistance Program

Prevention

Risk Reduction

Suicide Prevention

Drug Testing / Collecting

Military Personnel, DOD Civilians and Retirees:

Contact ASAP at (719) 526-2727 or by email at

<u>usarmy.carson.imcom-central.mbx.dhr-asap@army.mil</u>



ASAP Training opportunities - Contact the ASAP Specialist for your unit listed below to schedule

Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) Course	3 Day course
This class will prepare SGTs and up to perform UPL duties.	,
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Training (ADAPT)	12 hour course
This mandatory class is for Soldiers identified with a positive UA or alcohol related incident	
Commander's Risk Reduction Toolkit (CRRT) training	30 minute course
An overview of the features of this web-based high risk behavior reporting tool	
Unit Risk Inventories (URI)	30 minute survey
A 52 question, anonymous survey. Gives leaders a snapshot of Soldier perceptions	
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)	2 day class
Class for gatekeepers in identifying and reacting to suicidal thoughts and behaviors in others	n
DUI Prevention training	Flexible
Standard briefing about the consequences and ways to avoid a DUI charge	
Responsible alcohol use training	Flexible
Basic knowledge of drinking behaviors	
Substance specific training	Flexible
Can be tailored to address a specific substance issue	
Mock Barracks Drug ID room	Flexible
Class for leaders to identify drug paraphernal ia and overview of rules of evidence	

Anthony McCollin Prev. Branch Chief 719-526-5108	Vacant Call Mr. McCollin until we hire someone	Norma Rivera 719-526-2710	Albert Bush 719-526-2422	Susanne Watts 719-526-9283
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USAG	HHBn	SMDC		759 MP Bn
WCAP	DIVARTY			71 EOD
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My Mental Health: Do I Need Help?

First, determine how much your symptoms interfere with your daily life.



Do I have mild symptoms that have lasted for less than 2 weeks?

- · Feeling a little down
- Feeling down, but still able to do job, schoolwork, Feeling down, but still able to take care of or housework
- Some trouble sleeping
 - vourself or take care of others



If so, here are some self-care activities that can help:

- Exercising (e.g., aerobics, yoga)
- Engaging in social contact (virtual or in person)
- Getting adequate sleep on a regular schedule
- · Eating healthy
- · Talking to a trusted friend or family member
- · Practicing meditation, relaxation, and mindfulness

If the symptoms above do not improve or seem to be worsening despite self-care efforts, talk to your health care provider.



Do I have severe symptoms that have lasted 2 weeks or more?

- · Difficulty sleeping
- Appetite changes that result in unwanted weight changes
- Struggling to get out of bed in the morning because of mood

- · Difficulty concentrating
- · Loss of interest in things you usually find enjoyable
- Unable to perform usual daily functions and responsibilities
- Thoughts of death or self-harm



Seek professional help:

- Psychotherapy (talk therapy)—virtual or in person;
 Medications individual, group, or family

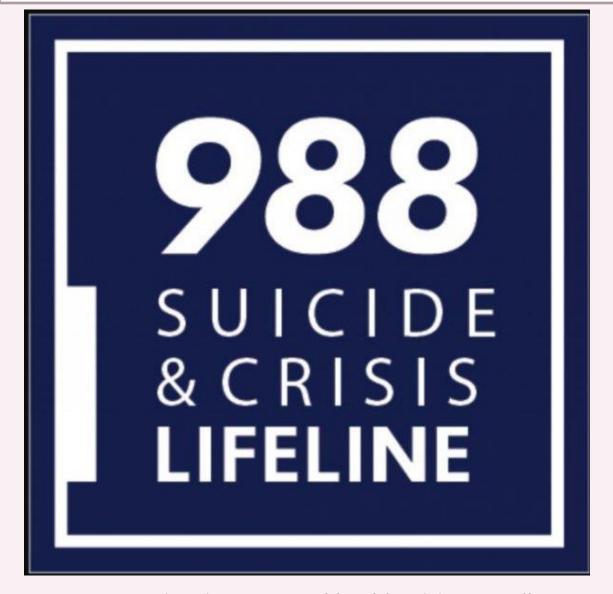
 - Brain stimulation therapies

For help finding treatment, visit nimh.nih.gov/findhelp.

If you are in crisis, call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org, or text the Crisis Text Line (text HELLO to 741741).

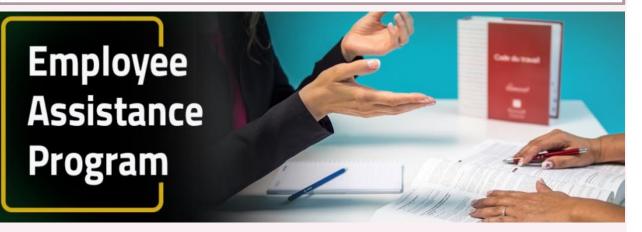






Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis can call or text 988 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and speak to a mental health professional trained to respond to these emergencies. The lifeline provides 24/7 free and confidential support to those in mental health distress. 988 connects the caller to a certified crisis center in the local area. The lifeline consists of a network of 200 local crisis centers across the country.





The Fort Carson Employee Assistance Program is a free service available to Department of Army Civilian Employees, active duty-spouse and family members, and retired military and eligible family members. The program offers short-term screening, intervention and referral services, worksite intervention, consultation services, a wide variety of trainings, and reintegration assistance.

Professional Services

- The EAP is a professional service that provides assistance with adult living problems, counseling, resource identification, referral, and follow-up services.
- The EAP assists employees, supervisors, and managers with issues related to productivity, morale, motivation, communication, conflict, and mediation.
- The EAP provides consultation services, prevention education and training, worksite interventions and assists with such issues as grief and loss, the drugfree workplace, workplace violence, and suicide.

Resources

Drug-Free Workplace Brochure
Employee Assistance Program Brochure
Suicide Prevention and Intervention Protocols Brochure
Working Remotely

For more information

Call (719) 526-2196 (Please leave a voicemail for a return call if necessary) or email <u>usarmy.carson.imcomcentral.mbx.dhr-asap@army.mil</u>





Child Custody Exchange
Online Purchase Exchange

The Fort Carson Police/Provost Marshal Division offers an Exchange Zone. The Exchange Zone is for The Fort Carson community to conduct child custody exchanges or exchange items which have been bought or sold online.

The parking areas in front of the building (main entrance) are under 24 hour camera surveillance. If you would like to use an indoor location due to weather or other factors, please speak with the Desk Sergeant inside the main doors.

Fort Carson Police 7227 Christie Street (BLDG 2700) Fort Carson, Co 80913 Desk Sergeant: (719) 526-6199









Are you enrolled to Evans Ivy Clinic or Internal Medicine? Would you like to see a provider virtually? Evans is booking next-day appointments through their virtual primary care health clinic now until January 15.

To book, call the central appointment line at 719-526-CARE (2273) and request a virtual appointment.





Fort Carson Family Homes



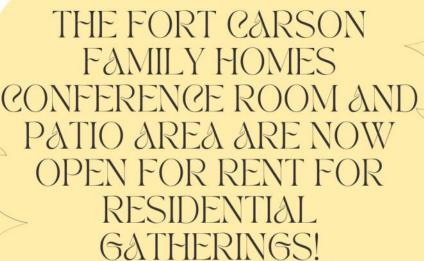
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All FCFH Events, Signups and giveaways are a thank you to our residents for choosing to live in Fort Carson Family Homes

For questions or concerns please contact The Events Manager at Flyers announcing times and info will be posted for all Events jhanlon@bbcgrp.com or (719)499-0707

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Where: The Main Leasing Office 6800
Prussman Blvd

RENTAL HOURS:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 9AM-5PM WEDNESDAY FROM 9AM-7PM SATURDAY FROM 10AM-4PM

Hours for Rental are subject to change for FCFH Events

For more information, Rental Fee and Scheduling please contact jhanlon@bbcgrp.com or (719)499-0707





- Youth will learn the ins and outs of what it takes to be a responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable, and safe babysitter.
- Youth will also be Red Cross certified in CPR and First Aid.

Who: 13-18 year olds

When: February 22 & 23 0830-1600

Where: Fort Carson Youth Center

TO REGISTER:

Parent Central Services — 719-526-1101 Youth Center — 719-526-2680

(class size limited to 15)







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Commissary Privileges to ALL CYS staff

CURRENTLY HIRING

At \$16.70/hr to start

\$17.70/hr after 6 months

\$18.91/hr after 1 year

Scan Here



Questions? Call 719-526-1101



COMMUNITY EVENT SUPPLY RENTALS

8 AM-7 PM



Table (Plastic) \$8.00/table
Table (Metal) \$8.00/table
Chairs \$1.00/chair
Stage Panel \$10/panel
Mobile Stage \$500/stage
Bleachers \$500/each

Fort Carson MWR

Beer Trough \$7.50/each Black Tub \$7.50/each Standing Heaters \$20.00 each Fire pits \$20 each

Orange Cones \$2/cone Speed Bumps \$5/barrier (Covers for cords) 20 x 40 Canopy \$200/each 20 x 20 Canopy \$150/each 20 x 10 Canopy \$100/each 10 x 10 Canopy \$40/each Reservations are made through DFMWR Intramural Sports
Payment for equipment must be made 3 days prior to rental period. \$50 delivery fee for equipment within15-mile radius.
Includes delivery and setup.
No refunds will be issued

Questions? Call 719-526-7585/719 231-4939











Fort Carson FITNESS CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

BARBELL CLUB- A strength class that has participants move through exercises such as squats, lunges, chest, and overhead presses. Intensity is participant driven with the goal of building strength and eventually competing against other clubs.

BARRE- A whole-body workout that delivers a fusion of ballet, pilates, yoga, and strength training. (45 Min)

BOOTCAMP- Strength and cardio full body work-out utilizing weights, bands, and/or body weight to maximize results. (45 Min)

BOXING-Train like a pro in this traditional style boxing class consisting of cardio calisthenics, boxing with intervals of bodyweight exercise and core work. Gloves available on site. (75 min)

CARDIO DANCE-This high energy cardio workout is perfect for any fitness level. You will be singing along to great music while getting a great workout. (45 Min)

CORE BLAST-A strong core is the foundation of a strong body. In this class you will work your entire core from all sides to build a strong midsection. (60 Min)

EXPRESS CYCLE-Get your cardio in quick with this high energy, low impact cycling workout while still having time to get lunch! Buy one get on for this express class! (35 Min)

FITNESS FURY-Increase your stamina, strength and burn calories in this high intensity circuit class. This functional fitness class utilizes a variety of equipment to guarantee a full body workout. It will take you to the next level! Beginners to advance fitness levels are welcome! (60 Min)

H.I.I.T. - A workout that consists of short periods of intense exercises that increases heart rate quickly, followed by intervals of less intense exercises to allow for recovery time. (45 Min)

LADIES LIFT-This class is geared toward helping women learn and refine form in a total body weightroom workout utilizing dumbbells, barbells, cables, and machines. Classes will rotate throughout each fitness center allowing participants to become familiar with each location. Classes are held on the first Saturday of each month.

McKIBBEN MADNESS-This is an instructor's choice total body workout class. Classes can range from boxing to yoga to weight training. McKibben Madness will kickstart your weekend and is held on the last Saturday of each month.

P3T- Active Duty only (90 Min)

PT CYCLE-Strengthen your cardiovascular and muscular endurance with this high energy, low impact cycling workout! This class is for ACTIVE DUTY ONLY at no charge. (60 Min)

SRU PT-Active Duty Only (60 Min)

STRETCH AND CORE- A fitness class that allows individuals to get a full body stretch using movements that increase flexibility, decrease muscle tension, build core strength, and help improve muscular balance. (40 Min)

TOTAL STRENGTH- Get your workout over with before work with this total body strength training workout utilizing dumbbells, resistant bands and kettlebells.

TRX- Perform efficient and challenging body weight exercises that develop strength, balance, flexibility and core stability simultaneously using the TRX Suspension training system.(60 Min)

ZUMBA- An energizing dance class featuring high energy music and dance moves. You will burn lots of calories and have a great time doing it! (60 Min).

YOGA- Looking for stress and pain reduction while you improve your overall health and fitness? Increase your strength, balance, and flexibility. All fitness levels welcome. (45 Min.)

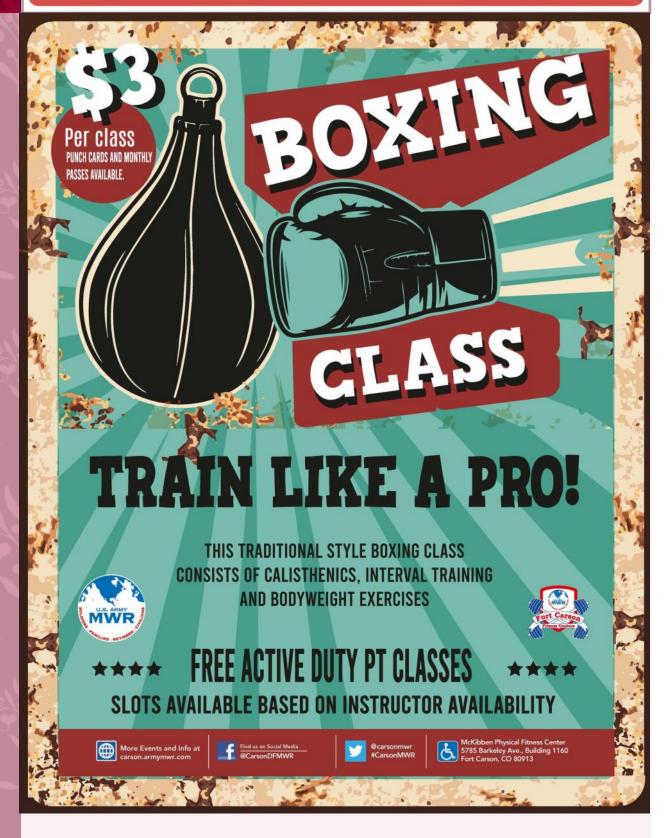


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MCKIBBEN PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER

INCREASE YOUR STAMINA, STRENGTH AND BURN CALORIES IN THIS HIGH INTENSITY CIRCUIT CLASS. THIS FUNCTIONAL FITNESS **CLASS UTILIZES A VARIETY OF EQUIPMENT** JO GUARANTEE A FULL BODY WORKOUT



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PUNCH CARDS AND MONTHLY PASSES AVAILABLE





FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT CARSON.ARMYMWR.COM











January 7 8:30-9:30 a.m.

\$3 per class First Class Free

Learn and refine form with this total body weight-room workout utilizing dumbbells, barbells, cables and machines.

WALLER FITNESS CENTER

LADIES LIFT





Questions? Call 526-2742













An opportunity you don't want to miss! Meet with both local vendors as well as Fort Carson agencies to learn about health, wellness, and recreation!

Location: Special Events Center, 6550 Specker Ave There will be prize opportunities at the event!

FREE Face Painting & Coloring Station for the kids!

More event information here:

<u>View Event :: Mountain Post Recreation Health Expo :: Ft.</u>

<u>Carson :: US Army MWR</u>

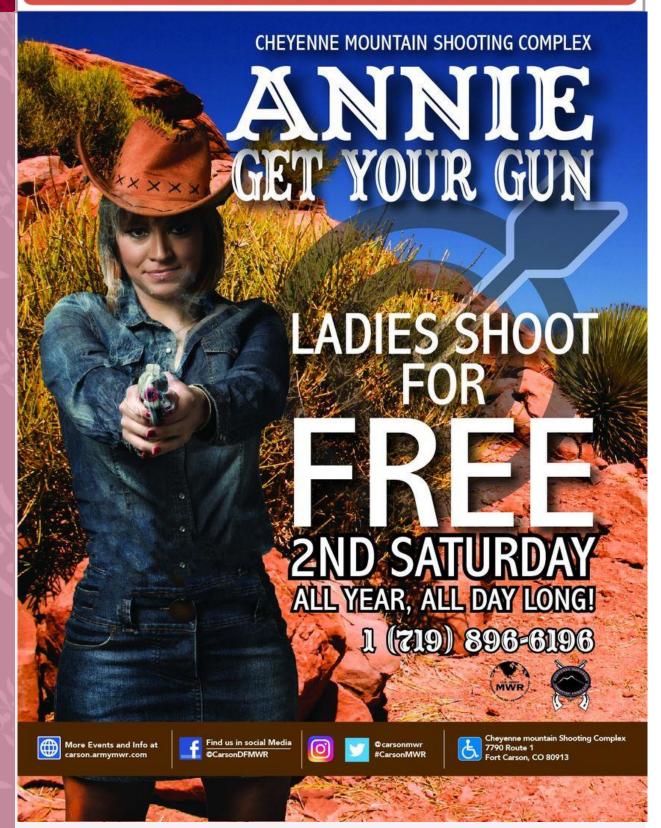


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Fort Carson MWR



This is a Clue

WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM

Starting October 12

Free Fun Prizes







SEEKING MALE PARTNERS OF SERVICE MEMBERS





We want to hear your opinions about firearm storage and injury prevention for a research study.

> Sessions held virtually. Participation is voluntary and confidential. You may be eligible for a \$50 gift card.

INTERESTED?



Please email us at betzlab@cuanschutz.edu or scan the QR code.

ARE YOU AND YOUR PARTNER **BOTH SERVICE MEMBERS?**

Fort Carson and the Surrounding Community

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University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

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HELP PREVENT SUICIDE BY FIREARM AMONGST OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

SHARE YOUR OPINIONS ON FIREARM SAFETY AND INJURY PREVENTION FOR A RESEARCH STUDY

PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY AND CONFIDENTIAL. YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$50 GIFT CARD.

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION







MILITARY ON! SOURCE

April 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m. | 4 minute read | 35,395 views

OurRelationship — Flexible Online Support for Military Couples

Many couples have times when their relationship could use some help. But not every couple needs the same kind of help, or in the same way. OurRelationship is a flexible, online, evidence-based tool that gives military couples the choice to work on their own or with a coach to strengthen their relationship. It is tailored to the military community and free for active-duty, Guard and reserve couples.

Check out OurRelationship

How OurRelationship works

OurRelationship consists of online activities to solve relationship problems. Couples can choose which issues to focus on, including these common ones:

- · Communication and conflict
- · Emotional distance and love
- Trust

Couples can complete the online activities together or separately, making it ideal for those separated because of deployment or other reasons.

Coaching option

Couples who choose the OurRelationships coaching option are more likely to complete the program and get more out of it. Their online activities are reinforced with phone or video calls with a coach. This option:

 Includes five weekly 20-minute calls with a coach who helps you tailor the online program and activities to meet your needs.

Permalink: https://www.militaryonesource.mil/relationships/married-domestic-partner/ourrelationship-military-couple-support/

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- · Can be completed on your schedule, days, evenings or weekends.
- Allows participants to select their coach. They can <u>learn about the coaches</u> by browsing the OurRelationships website. Some coaches have a military background.

Self-guided option

Couples who choose the self-guided option complete the online activities without outside support. The self-guided option:

- · Is good for highly-motivated couples.
- Encourages structured conversations and includes tasks to complete outside of the reading material and video content.
- · Includes feedback tailored to the couple's responses.

Both the self-guided and coaching options take four to six weeks to complete.

Who can benefit from OurRelationship

OurRelationship is one of the <u>several relationship resources</u> Military OneSource offers for free. The OurRelationship program is most helpful for couples who:

- · Are highly motivated and want to improve their relationship on their own.
- · Have only a few areas in their relationship they would like to improve.
- Want to give their relationship a boost in a shorter timeframe.
- Want a little additional support without the full commitment of a therapist or don't want another person involved in helping them strengthen their relationship.
- Need the flexibility of completing the program either separate from each other or outside of standard business hours.

The program requires a lot of reading, so is not recommended for those with difficulty in that area. It also requires access to technology, including internet.

More relationship support from Military OneSource

Service members and military couples have access to a range of relationship support resources designed to meet different needs. Learn about the many ways Military OneSource and the service branches support couples on the Re The We webpage. You'll find resources, such as:

Non-medical counseling from your installation's Military and Family Life Counseling
 Program or Military OneSource. Non-medical counseling is available in person, via online
 chat, by phone or video.

https://www.militaryonesource.mil/relationships/married-domestic-partner/ ourrelationship-military-couple-support/





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE 1633 MEKONG STREET, BUILDING 6222 FORT CARSON, COLORADO 80913-4303

December 21, 2022

SUBJECT: 2023 Fort Carson Tax Services

Dear 4ID and Fort Carson Community,

In the past, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA) at Fort Carson has participated in the Internal Revenue Service's Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program to provide tax preparation services. In recent years, many additional practice areas have been added to our Legal Assistance attorneys' portfolio, including assisting victims of domestic violence, advocating for tenants in privatized housing, and explaining legal rights with regards to special education. Effective October 5, 2022, a decision was made by the Department of the Army for Legal Assistance offices to cease assistance with tax preparation. As a result, the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office will no longer provide tax preparation services to otherwise eligible persons. We are authorized by regulation and will continue to provide tax preparation services to Gold Star Families. This decision was not made lightly, and we are sincerely sorry for any inconvenience. Providing top of the line legal advice and services to our clients is our highest priority.

Moving forward, Soldiers, Families, and retirees can find tax preparation assistance through Military One Source (MilTax) or through the Internal Revenue Service at https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/. Although tax preparation services will no longer be offered by the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office, our attorneys remain available to help guide clients in the right direction.

We will be offering a tax brief every Friday at 1300 beginning on January 6, 2023 and ending on April 14, 2023 (the Friday before Tax Day). This brief will cover the most frequently asked questions surrounding income taxes and provide attendees a next step in the tax preparation process.

We appreciate your support as we work with our attorneys to steward a new generation of Legal Assistance services and tax support to our clients.

The Point of Contact for this memorandum is CPT Wesley Brown at (719) 526-5572.

Very Respectfully,

Was Brown Wesley Brown Captain, U.S. Army

Tax Services Officer in Charge



FORT CARSON LEGAL INFO PAPER



TAX PREPARATION FEDERAL AND STATE



WHO SHOULD FILE TAXES?

U.S. citizens and permanent residents who work in the United States must file a tax return if they make more than the filing requirement amount (see Table 1 below).

Table 1. Filing Requirements Chart (via IRS Publication 501)

IF your filing status is	AND at the end of 2022 you were*	THEN file a return if your gross income was at least*				
single	under 65	\$12,950				
	65 or older	\$14,700				
head of household	under 65	\$19,400				
	65 or older	\$21,150				
married filing jointly***	under 65 (both spouses)	\$25,900				
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$27,300				
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$28,700				
married filing separately	any age	\$5				
qualifying surviving spouse	under 65	\$25,900				
	65 or older	\$27,300				

WHO CAN I CLAIM AS A DEPENDENT?

There are two types of dependents: qualifying children and qualifying relatives. Qualifying children are explained below. A qualifying relative is a relative that is a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, U.S. resident, or a resident of Canada or Mexico for whom you provide more than half of their financial support. A qualifying relative could include your parents, stepparents, grandparents, nieces and nephews, in-laws and any other blood ancestor who does not reside with you. Other more distant relatives may still qualify if they live with you for the entire tax year.

IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT ON CLAIMING MY CHILD AS A DEPENDENT?

To claim your child as your dependent, your child must meet either the qualifying child test or the qualifying relative test. To meet the qualifying child test, your child must be younger than you and either younger than 19 years old or be a "student" younger than 24 years old as of the end of the calendar year. There is no age limit if your child is "permanently and totally disabled" or meets the qualifying relative test.

HOW CAN I REDUCE MY TAX BILL?

The tax code provides several ways to control your tax bill through deductions and credits. Tax deductions allow you to reduce your taxable income, and tax credits allow you to directly reduce your tax liability. When you make income from a job, you can often reduce your taxable income by contributing to an employer-sponsored retirement plan or your own individual retirement account (IRA). You may also have a high deductible health plan through your employer with access to a health savings account (HSA) or flexible spending account (FSA). All these accounts allow you to contribute pretax dollars to invest or hold in cash for saving or for certain expenses. As a result, these contributions lower your taxable income and save you money on your tax bill. If you have dependents, you may qualify for the child tax credit.

WHAT KIND OF DEDUCTIONS DO I QUALIFY FOR?

Almost everyone qualifies for the standard deduction or itemized deductions that reduce your taxable income. These are often the largest deductions available to you. As an employee, you can deduct contributions made to IRAs, HSAs and FSAs when preparing your Form 1040. For employees, contributions made to your 401(k) or other employer sponsored retirement plan during the year will not need to be deducted on your tax return. Instead, these dollars have already been taken out of your wages as shown on your Form W-2. Further, you can deduct student loan interest if you meet certain income criteria as well as home mortgage interest, state and local taxes and more. If you work a side job, as an independent contractor, or own a small business, you can deduct a lot of the costs related to running and maintaining your business. You have access to deductions for your home office, self-employment taxes, supplies, equipment, depreciation, health and business insurance, utilities and much more.



SHOULD I CLAIM THE STANDARD DEDUCTION OR ITEMIZE?

For most people, the standard deduction will save you more money on your tax bill. The standard deduction amount is subject to change every year. You should check every year to determine the standard deduction amount. If you believe that your itemized deduction will save you more than the amounts listed above, calculate them, and compare to determine which decision is right for you.

WHAT IS BETTER: A TAX CREDIT OR A TAX DEDUCTION?

All things being equal, a tax credit is often preferable to a tax deduction. Tax credits reduce your tax liability dollar for dollar while tax deductions lower your taxable income. For example, if you prepare your taxes and have a total tax bill of \$10,000, a \$1,000 tax credit would reduce your bill by \$1,000. If you had a \$1,000 tax deduction and earned \$50,000 in taxable income, your income tax liability wouldn't decrease by \$1,000. Instead, your taxable income would now be \$49,000. Depending on your tax bracket, that means you would save anywhere from \$0 to \$370 as compared to \$1,000 from a tax credit.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR FREE HELP?

Fort Carson does not have a Tax Center this year. For tax preparation help, use one of the civilian resources below: IRS VITA Program: https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/

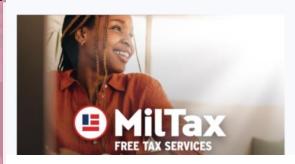
MilTax: https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/taxes/miltax-military-tax-services/

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	The So	cial Security cards for all people included on the tax return									
		An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter may be substituted for your									
		spouse or dependents if you do not have a Social Security number									
		Proof of foreign status (if applying for an ITIN)									
	Birth da	tes for you, your spouse and all people included on the tax return									
	А сору	of last year's federal and state tax returns (if available)									
		of of bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit such as a blank check									
	Military	personnel should have:									
		W-2 (found on mypay.dfas.mil)									
		1095 (found on mypay.dfas.mil)									
		1099INT (found on mypay.dfas.mil) (If you earned more than \$10 in interest for the year)									
	You may need:										
		1099-MISC									
		1099-G (Most commonly unemployment)									
		1099-K (If you earned more than \$20,000 from a service like Uber or Lyft)									
		1099-DIV (If you earned money from dividends and distributions)									
		1098-T (If you paid college tuition expenses)									
		1098 (If you paid \$600 or more in mortgage interest)									
		1095-(A, B, and C) (If you receive health insurance from the marketplace)									
		Total amount paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number such as their									
		Social Security number or business Employer Identification Number									

This is an informative handout from the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office containing general information on a topic that legal assistance attorneys frequently advise on. Information provided is general in nature and does not constitute legal advice. Consult an attorney for specific legal advice for your particular situation.





MILTAX: FREE SOFTWARE & SUPPORT



Account for the complexities of MilLife with free tax software and oneon-one help from military tax experts.

\$0. No, Really. MilTax is Like No Other.

Military life can make for tricky taxes. To help, the Defense Department offers MilTax software through Military OneSource. It's built to account for deployments, combat and training pay, housing and rentals, multistate filings, living OCONUS and more. Log in to Military
OneSource to Access
MilTax Software

LOG IN TO START

Don't have an account? Create one.

Or get help accessing MilTax.

Connect With Military Tax Consultants

If you have questions, enlist free one-on-one help from MilTax experts: tax pros with special training in military-specific tax situations. Call or chat anytime 24/7 to schedule a consultation, or get in person support at a Volunteer Income Tax Support Assistance office location.

VITA support may also be available elsewhere in your state but is not available in every state or location.

Talk to a Tax Pro

Call to schedule a consultation

CALL 800-342-9647

OCONUS calling options

Chat to schedule a consultation

CHAT NOW

Find a VITA location near you

FIND IT

CLICK HERE TO GO TO MILITARY
ONESOURCE MILTAX WEBPAGE





TAX PREP



FREE PERSONAL INCOME TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - Call 719-772-7000

AARP Foundation

AARP Foundation volunteers are back to help Military and Veterans prepare taxes for free. Call 719-772-7000 to schedule an appointment. February 1-April 12.

2023 FRONT RANGE BONE MARROW DRIVE

FT CARSON

30 JANUARY-10 FEBRUARY

CONTACT YOUR UNIT REP TO SAVE A LIFE!

SIGN-UP BOOTHS HELD AT THE MED GROUP, PX, AND COMMISSARY THROUGHOUT THE DRIVE

BASE POC: 1LT NEIL INMAN (520-400-0675)

Who can join the registry?

- Active duty U.S. military, Reserves, National Guard, Coast Guard, all DoD cardholders
- Between the ages of 18-60
- · In general good health

How to join the registry?

- · Complete cheek swab kit
- · Fill out consent form with the QR code
- Remain on registry until 61, unless requested to be removed
- · No cost to register or donate!

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MARRIAGE SERIES & RETREAT

Feb. 10, 2023 & March 10-12, 2023

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Your Relationship Deserves This.

Funding for this project was provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Grant: #90ZB0029.These services are available to all eligible persons, regardless of race, gender, age, disability, or religion.

Registration for series 3 is open!

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!





WHERE

WOODLAND PARK February 2 and 3, 2023

February 2 and 3, 2023 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CRIPPLE CREEK

February 8 and 9, 2023 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

No cost!

Registration required.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

This 2-day training program teaches participants how to assist those at risk for suicidal thinking, behavior or attempts.

Although many healthcare professionals use ASIST, anyone can use the approach, regardless of professional background. Participants will learn:

- How attitudes and beliefs about suicide impact roles as a caregiver.
- How to recognize and intervene if someone is at risk of suicide.
- How to involve other caregivers and resources.

REGISTRATION





Call: (719) <u>299-2996</u> Email: covidresponse@diversushealth.org





diversushealth.org/outreach-program (719) 299-2996







www.pikespeaksuicideprevention.org

info@pikespeaksuicideprevention.org

719-573-7447 Suicide Prevention

704 N Tejon St Colorado Springs, CO, 80903



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Valentines Day USO Birthday Sat 2/4

Coffee Connections **Thurs 2/16 Tues 2/14**

Presidents Day Mardi Gras Mon 2/20 **Tues 2/21**

Teddy Bear Club Tues 2/28

Tuesdays starting **USO Virtua Book Club**

Forces Lunch **Fueling The** 2/7 thru 3/14

Wednesdays @11:30

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Be Herd Wellness Group

Open to the public at NO-COST for people to find connection and community among StableStrides' herd of therapy horses.







The 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Open to anyone 18+ living with a mental health condition.

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

StableStrides at Norris Penrose Events Center 1035 Lower Gold Camp Rd.

(Meeting in the office)





Wednesdays starting February 1st, 6-8:30 p.m. Southeast Colorado Springs*

*Exact location provided upon registration

NAMI Homefront is a free, 6-session educational program taught by trained family members of service members/veterans with mental health conditions.

- Confidential & safe
- Peer led conversations around mental health in the military
- Become a part of a supportive and connected community









REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To register or find out more information: namicoloradosprings.org • 719-473-8477 • AngelaSweeten@namicos.org



NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. If you have questions about Homefront or NAMI, please contact our office at 719-473-8477 or email AngelaSweeten@namicos.org.



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FREE NAMI SUPPORT GROUPS SHARE STORIES, STRATEGIES, AND SOLIDARITY

NAMI Colorado Springs is offering both virtual support groups on Zoom and in-person groups at First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada Ave., in downtown Colorado Springs. All are led by trained peers — people who either manage a mental illness or love someone who does.

BASICS SUPPORT GROUP

For parents and caregivers of children and teens showing signs of mental illness 2nd Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m., virtual

CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP

For adults experiencing mental illness

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., virtual • Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., in person

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

For family members of adults experiencing mental illness

1st Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., virtual • Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., in person

In-person group participants must pre-register: Call 719.473.8477 or email office@namicos.org by noon on the day of the group.

In-person groups will follow social distancing protocols.

Virtual group participants can find call-in info at namicoloradosprings.org.



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The NAMI office at 1615 S. Murray Blvd., is open weekdays, 9 to 5.





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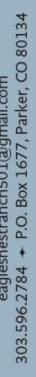


Healing Horses for the Armed Forces

members are invited to come to the ranch and spend time with a horse free of charge. Experience a safe place to adjust, reconnect, and be reminded that Active duty and veteran service members as well as their family there is always hope ... no matter what you have faced.



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To the Battlefield and Back Again

Dialogues on the Experience of War

Oct 6, Nev 3, Dec 1, Feb 2, March 2 6-8pm

Active Duty, Veterans, Families,
Affiliates and Civilians. All are welcome.

Sign Up Now....

Join the conversation and discuss the issues facing our military community





Sharing ideas. Sharing support.

Fathers, we're only human and we need each other. We're under all kinds of stress trying to raise kids to reach their full potential. It's a lot of pressure and no one can do it alone.

Circle of Parents® provides a friendly, supportive community led by parents and other caregivers where parents are the experts.

WHAT: Join other fathers in our community to share support, tips and advice or just talk. This is a safe space for sharing the ups and downs of parenting, created for fathers and led by fathers.



WHEN: 2nd & 4th Thursday of Every Month

Dinner at 5pm; Meeting at 5:30pm

WHERE: Helen Hunt School

909 E Moreno Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

OR Online via Zoom!

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93350305448



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WHEN: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Every Month

Dinner at 5pm; Meeting at 5:30pm

WHERE: Helen Hunt School

909 E Moreno Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

OR Online via Zoom!

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85139958491





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