

Army Community Service

Pass It On



Keep up to date with local events and deals with the



PASS IT ON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAKE ACS YOUR 1ST CHOICE

Regardless of what stage of life you and or your family are in, Army Community Service helps to make Army life successful. If you are new to the Fort Carson Colorado area, make sure to stop in and pick up a welcome packet, get maps and directions about the local area and meet our professional staff. ACS offers classes on parenting, finances, relationships, volunteerism, exceptional family members, and much more. Our programs and services are designed to improve your quality of life.

[Calendar of Events](#)

[ACS Course Catalog](#)



Community Bulletin



OPTOMETRY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE:

For a limited time, all TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, ages 12-64, may schedule routine eye exams with the EACH optometry clinic within a two-week window of availability. Call the appointment line for scheduling at 719-524-2273.

My Army Post App

DOWNLOAD NOW!

GET IT ON Google Play Available on the App Store

Get Connected!

- Childcare
- Housing
- On-post facilities

In-Processing

- In-Processing Checklist
- Tricare Enrollment

Welcome to Fort Carson
Home of the Army's Marquee Multi-Domain Operations Division

Reception Center More info

- Required Documents
- Schedule
- Newcomers Page
- Newcomers Guide

Maps & Weather

- Trails and PT Maps
- Weather Alerts
- Gate Status

Newcomers Start Here



**Feb 11
Feb 18
Feb 25**

**To register, please
call 719 526 4590**

1 pm - 2 pm

Join us at the ACS Center, Bldg. 1526.

Our orientation offers you an opportunity to meet other new arrivals, get "insider tips" to become familiar with the area and get any questions you may have answered. It's also a great way to learn about resources on and off Fort Carson.

**Not sure where to start?
Let Our ACS Specialist Help**



Join us for Toddler Time!

Interact on topics such as gross motor enhancement through songs and dance, sensory enrichment through arts and crafts, and nurturing the child as well as the parent.

This is open to parents with toddlers 18 months or above
text

Every Thursday 0930 - 11am

Feb 12

Feb 19

Feb 26

No registration is required

Location

ACS Annex

1481 Titus Blvd

Bldg 7492

Fort Carson CO 80913



719-526-0461

HIRING EVENT

CONNECT-WITH-A-VET

★ TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS ★ VETERANS ★
★ MILITARY SPOUSES/FAMILY ★ RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD ★

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026
★ ★ ★ FROM 10 AM - 2 PM ★ ★ ★

MEET OVER 60 EMPLOYERS WHO ARE READY TO HIRE YOU!



Veterans are entitled to
priority of service

SPECIAL EVENT CENTER (SEC)
6550 SPECKER AVE, FORT CARSON, CO 80913

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



The Pikes Peak Workforce Center cannot arrange for job seeker access on Fort Carson.
Only Fort Carson security officials can grant access to their post.



MORE INFO AT: PPWFC.ORG/CWAV/



Paid from CDLE's Workforce Enterprise Funds



Feb 11 2026, 12 pm – 1:30 pm

Sole Parenting Information & Support Group provides single parents with parenting resources as well as peer support from other single parents.

Located at the ACS Annex, 1481 Titus Blvd., Bldg. 7492

Cost
FREE!

Registration Information

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) Or call (719) 526-0461

Scholarships for Military Children help students achieve their dreams!

For the 2026–2027 academic year,
we're awarding 500 scholarships
worth \$2,000 each!

Applications close on February 11, 2026.



Don't forget scholarship applications are open until Feb. 11!

Check out www.fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/ to learn more. Also, use our search engine to see more scholarships you might be eligible for!



**Fast and free.
For a life
like no other.**



MilTax is designed to handle the unique tax situations of military personnel, such as deployments and multi-state filings. The service is provided by Military OneSource (militaryonesource.mil) and includes free e-filing software for a federal return and up to five state returns, along with personalized support from tax professionals trained in military-specific scenarios.

The software is available to Service members and their families.

Eligibility for MilTax extends to Service members, their immediate family members, survivors, and veterans within 365 days of their retirement or separation. The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is used to verify eligibility.

Learn more:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/.../miltax-military.../>

Major Purchases – Home & Car Buying Guide

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



Feb 11

1 pm – 2 pm

Registration Information

[Click HERE to Register!](#)

Location 6303 Wetzel Ave,
Bldg 1526

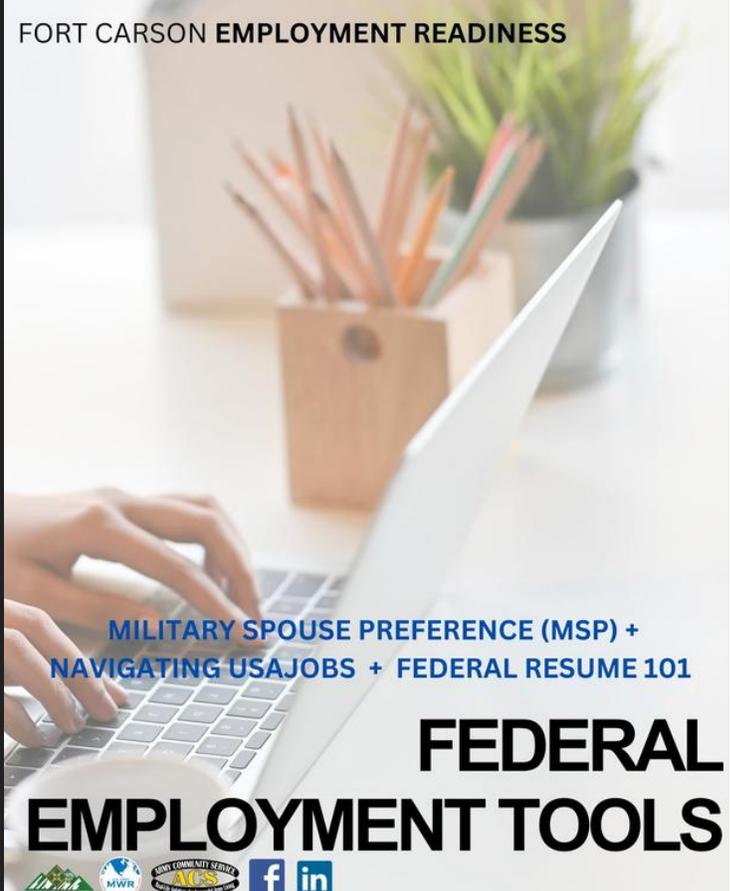
Federal Employment Tools

Create and build a complete USAJOBS.gov profile, make it searchable, learn how to search for and apply to job announcements in this 90-minute course. This course combines the two federal workshops, Navigating USAJOBS and Federal Resume 101.

For a free USAJOBS account, register at www.usajobs.gov and follow the following steps.

- Create a login.gov account to sign in to USAJOBS (first time users).**
- Login.gov is a service that offers secure and private online access to government programs, such as Federal benefits, services, and applications.**
- Use the same email address for login.gov and USAJOBS.**
- Create a new password.**
- Have a working phone number (mobile or landline); login.gov will send a unique security code each time you sign into your account.**
- Create a USAJOBS profile using the same email address for login.gov.**
- Create a new password for USAJOBS (first time users).**

**FFeb 11
930 -11am**



FORT CARSON EMPLOYMENT READINESS

**MILITARY SPOUSE PREFERENCE (MSP) +
NAVIGATING USAJOBS + FEDERAL RESUME 101**

**FEDERAL
EMPLOYMENT TOOLS**





Are you expecting mom that has questions about parenting infants and local resources?

This FREE class is an opportunity to interact with other expecting moms and develop confidence as a parent. We will discuss parent-infant relationships, common questions about parenting, postpartum issues, and much more.

Feb 17
Mar 17
9 am - 12 pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

or call our office at 719-526-0461



Feb 19 2026, 10 am - 11:30 am

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

This course trains Key Contacts on their role and responsibilities as well as how to handle crisis phone calls. Suggested training for all SFRG Leaders and Key Contacts/POC's. Open to anyone wanting to learn more about the SFRG Communication structure. The course includes tips and techniques for executing the role as well as practical exercises and scenarios.

This class is being provided as a blended learning opportunity. At registration, attendees will have the choice to identify whether they will be participating either "in-person" or "virtually".

In case of inclement weather: If the installation is on a delay, class will start as scheduled, at 0930. In case of post closure you will receive notification of make-up date.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE:

In-person attendees will need to arrive at the ACS Center, 6303 Wetzel Ave., Bldg. 1526, Fort Carson, CO 80913 on the day of the class. Please check-in at the main lobby and staff will direct you to the classroom location.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

To attend this class virtually, you will receive email guidance from the instructor prior to the class with login instructions to the email address provided during registration.

The class will work on your computer, tablet or phone and downloading an app is not required. You will need speakers or sound.

A fun-filled interactive get together for parents and children. Activities help children improve their social, cognitive and motor skills.

For more information on our New Parent Support Program and Play Groups please call us at 719-526-0461

Feb 13
Feb 20
Feb 27

09:30 - 11:30 am

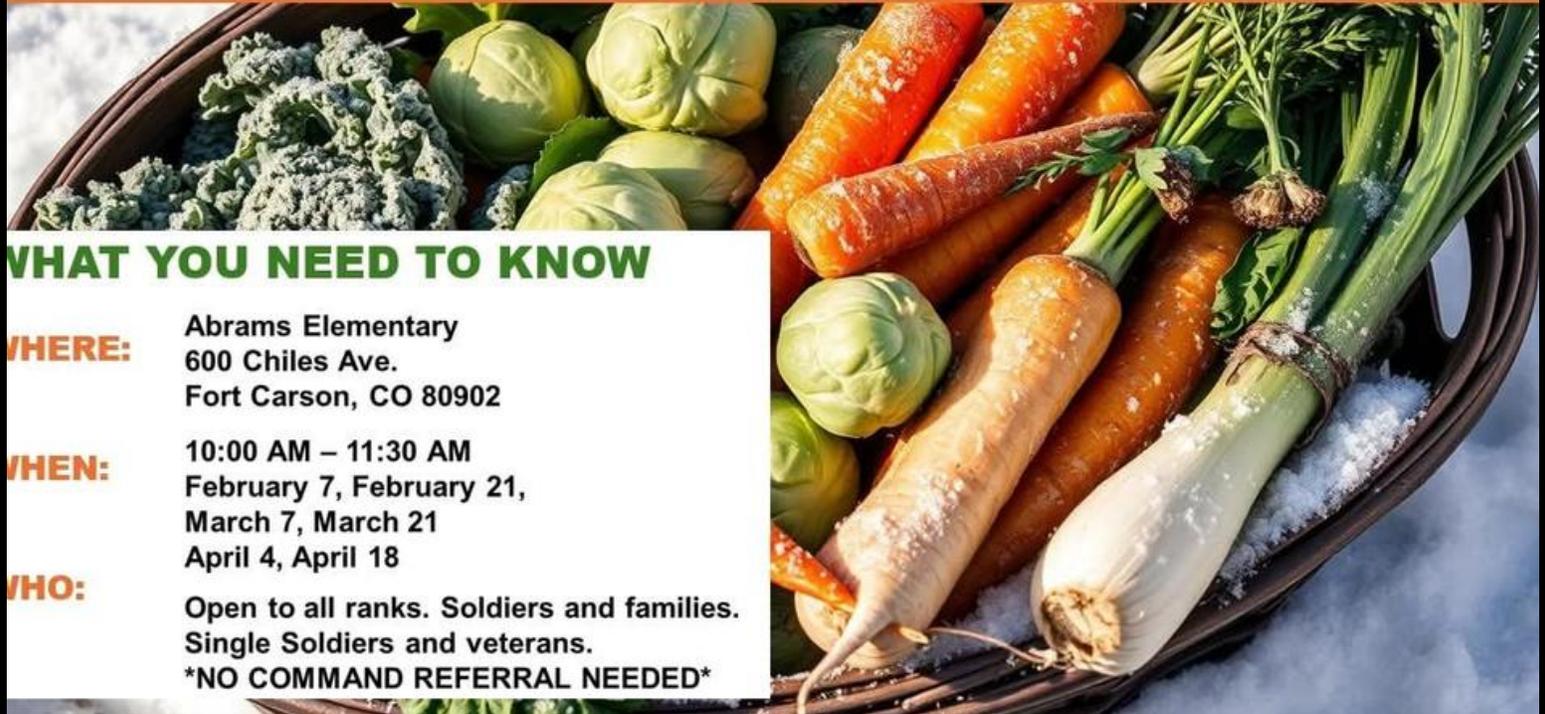
Free Event
No registration required
Walk Ins are welcomed

Location
ACS Annex
1481 Titus Blvd
Bldg 7492
Fort Carson CO 80913



MOBILE MARKET DISTRIBUTION

Get food - AT NO COST- for you and your family



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHERE: Abrams Elementary
600 Chiles Ave.
Fort Carson, CO 80902

WHEN: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
February 7, February 21,
March 7, March 21
April 4, April 18

WHO: Open to all ranks. Soldiers and families.
Single Soldiers and veterans.
NO COMMAND REFERRAL NEEDED



Food Distribution

 Every 3rd Thursday:
2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21

 3:00-5:30pm

 **SPRINGS CHURCH PARKING LOT**
1515 Auto Mall Loop, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Dates and times are subject to change. Visit ppunitedway.org for updates.



FOOD DISTRO

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

1/23	3/13	5/8	6/26
2/13	3/27	5/22	
2/27	4/24	6/12	

OPENS AT 10 AM
UNTIL SUPPLIES ARE DEPLETED
Norris Penrose Event Center Upper Lot - 1125 W. Moreno St.
Across From Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center





SFRG INFORMAL FUND CUSTODIAN TRAINING

ONLINE OR IN-PERSON TRAINING

Register Today: Select a training date on the website calendar or send us an email to enroll.

Learn about the role of the SFRG Informal Fund Custodian and the Army regulations for managing SFRG Informal Fund accounts and fundraising.

**Feb 12
10 am - 11:30**

**Registration
Information**

**[CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER!](#)**

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Connecting Families Play Group

Connecting Families Play Group. Deployed or Unaccompanied?
Give Your Child (and you too) the Gift of Community!



Feb 20 2026, 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Connecting Families Play Group. Deployed or Unaccompanied?
Give Your Child (and you too) the Gift of Community!

Being a military family means sacrifice, and sometimes that means separation. But your child doesn't have to feel it alone.

Join our FREE Playgroup for children of all ages! We offer a supportive and fun environment where kids and parents can:

- **Build Friendships:** Connect with other military Families who understand what it's like to have a parent serving.
- **Develop Social Skills:** Encourage positive interaction and learning through play.
- **Reduce Stress & Isolation:** Provide a sense of belonging and normalcy during challenging times.
- **Gain a Support Network:** For both kids and parents – connect with others who share similar experiences.

Cost: FREE!

**Location: ACS Annex, Family Nurturing Center
1481 Titus Blvd, BLDG 7492**

Don't let distance keep your child from thriving. Invest in their well-being and build a strong support system.

Grant Library

You bring the creativity and we'll supply the Legos! Join us every Wednesday on a journey of ingenuity, open to all ages.
All information is subject to change

Feb 11
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm



"Empowering Families with Food, Nutrition, Education, and More"

1 pm - 3:30 pm

Registration Information:

Walk-in basis; first come first serve. Check in on the lobby iPad, ACS Center, Bldg. 1526.

If you would like to request a WIC appointment, click [here](#)



Child

Support

Walk-in's



Feb 17

Feb 24

1 pm - 4 pm

Typically repeats weekly on Tuesdays.

Child support services include:

- **Locating parents**
- **Initiating legal paperwork**
- **Establishing parentage**
- **Establishing child support order**
- **Enforcing child support order**
- **Modifying a child support order**
- **Helping parents overcome barriers that prevent order compliance**

Free service provided by your ACS Community Information, Referral and Follow-up Program and El Paso County Child Support Services.

Registration Information

Walk-in basis, first come first serve.

Check in on the lobby iPad,

ACS Center, Bldg. 1526.

This is a Green food.



**Not all Green
foods are green.**

Go for Green® makes it easy for you to identify and choose foods that enhance your performance.

-  **Green** High-performance fuel
-  **Yellow** Moderate-performance fuel
-  **Red** Low-performance fuel

Eat Well
PERFORM WELL



hprc-online.org/nutrition/go-green

If you struggle to know what's "good" or "bad" to eat, seek free nutrition counseling from the Army Wellness Clinic on Fort Carson. The answer is in part, it depends on your goals. Work with the Armed Forces Wellness Center to tailor your personal nutrition plan for success in 2026!

**Visit the Fort Carson Armed Forces Wellness Center
located at
1891 Prussman Boulevard, Building 1843.
Open to Soldiers and Families**



Grant Library

Every Thursday includes stories, crafts, songs and learning time.

Open to ages 24 months-5 years old.

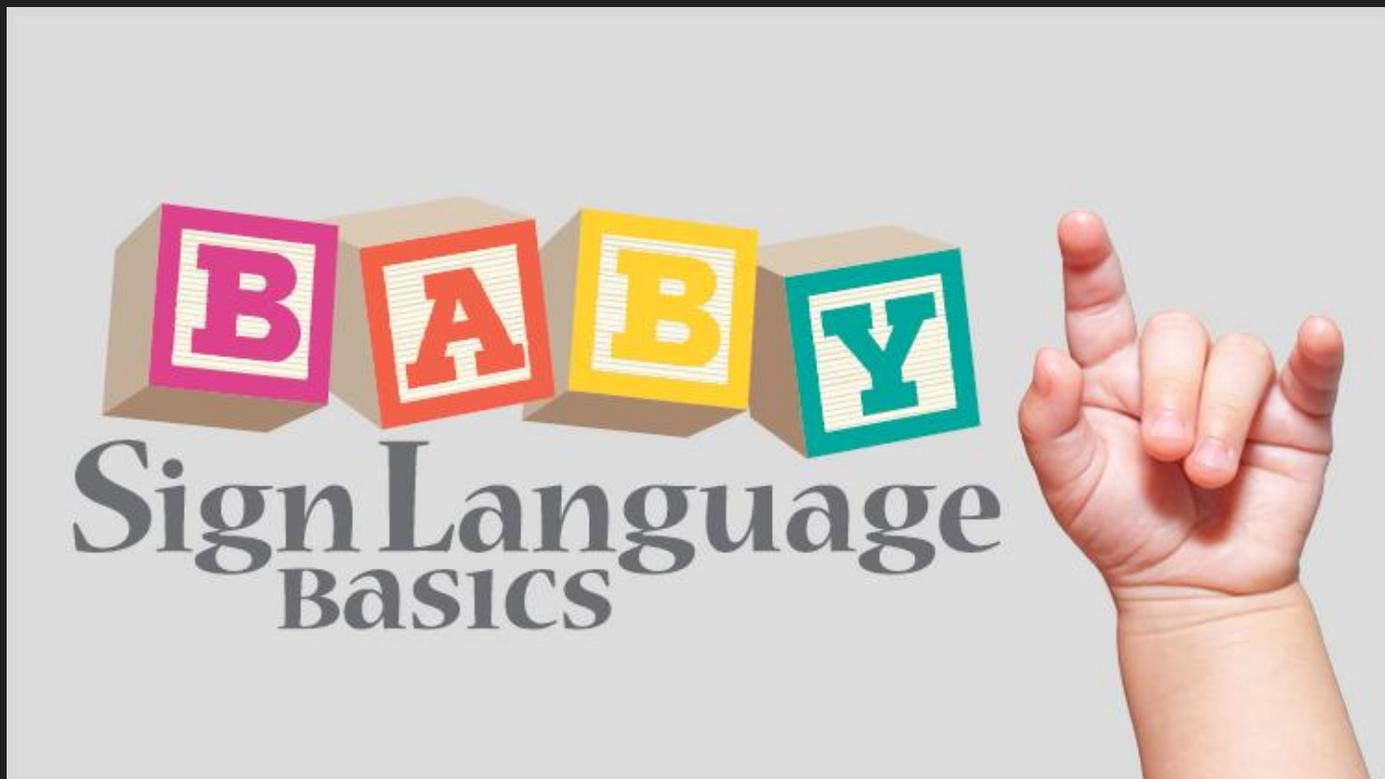
All information is subject to change.

Feb 12

Feb 19

Feb 26

10:30 am - 11:30 am



Feb 24 2026, 9 am - 10:30 am

Babies are happiest when they can communicate with the people who love them the most, their families. Signing is a tool that can be the key into your baby's thoughts and the springboard for future language development.

Cost FREE!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

1481 Titus Blvd Bldg 7492

719-526-0461

Pregnant moms and parents with babies are encouraged to attend. 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. Topics pertaining to infant development and health are discussed.

Infant Massage 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Baby Nurturing 10:15-11:00
a.m.

Located at ACS Annex
1481 Titus Blvd Bldg 7492
To register, please call
719-526-0461





RTAP

Resiliency Through Art

**Feb 13
Feb 20
Feb 27**

1:30 pm - 3 pm

Grant Library

Come and create through the process of personal expression! Art is a wonderful outlet for expression and can provide great relief for anyone dealing with separation, sadness, anxiety, stress or anger. No prior art experience is needed. Open only to Active Duty Soldiers & Spouses.

**All information is subject to change.
text**

Navigating the USCIS Website

Learn to utilize online tools to assist with immigration & naturalization

Class provides Service Members and their Families with:

- Knowledge and skills to navigate the USCIS website
 - Access accurate immigration information
- Utilize online tools to assist with immigration/naturalization process

Feb 23

Cost Free

Registration Information

[Click here to register.](#)

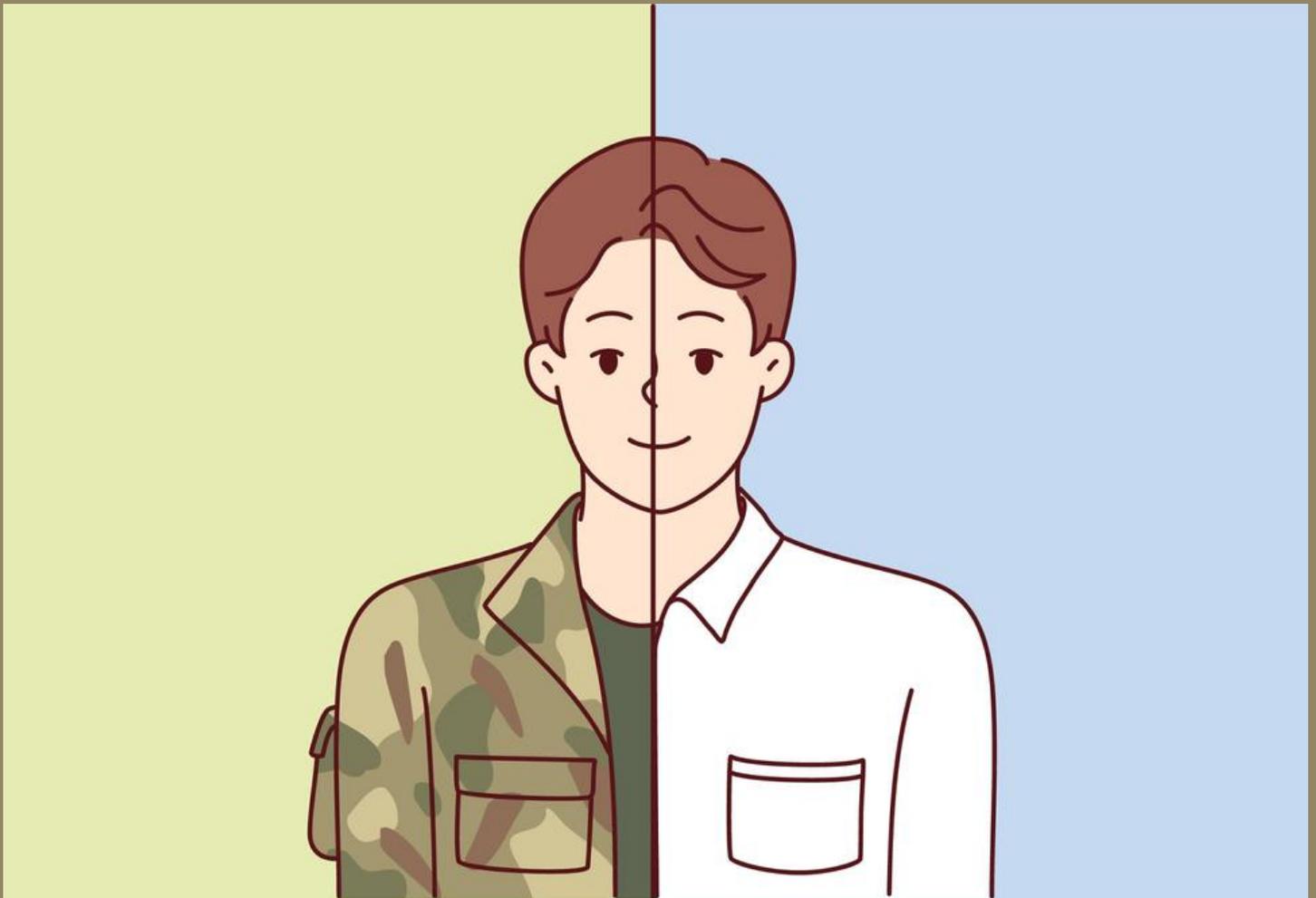
IDES & SRU Transition Brief

Feb 18

Feb 25

10 am - 12:30 pm

Individual Disability Evaluation System (IDES) and Soldier Recovery Unit (SRU) Soldiers in Transition: Your transition through the IDES process is important to Army Community Service! Once you have attended your IDES Briefing, you should attend this Transition Briefing. This is the IDEAL time to discuss resources and ask questions before you receive a rating or orders. Let ACS be your transition partner!



Click [HERE](#)
to register

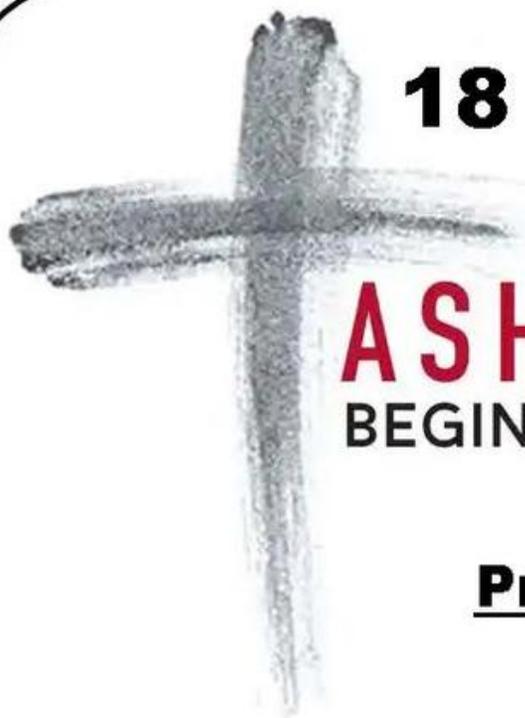


**Feb 11
6-8 pm**

Thunder Alley Bowling Center

**Two hours of FREE bowling and shoe rental!
Sign up at the BOSS Lounge, through Discord,
or Google forms.**

Open to all single Soldiers.



18 February 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday
Protestant Services

Hospital Services
(Healer Chapel)
11:30a.m. & 12:15p.m.

Fort Carson overall
(Soldiers Memorial Chapel) noon

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

A group to educate, support, and encourage others who are current and former survivors affected by Domestic Violence. Facilitators have concrete knowledge and expertise of Domestic Violence and provide available options and services to survivors.

Call (719) 526-0461 for location and details



FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE
Carson.ArmyMWR.com/ACS





*Come Graduate
with us!*

2026

FORT CARSON EDUCATION CENTER GRADUATION RECOGNITION CEREMONY



**Graduates from
any school can walk!**

**McMahon Theater
June 12, 2026
1600-1800**

CONTACT 719-526-8061 OR
PAUL.R.KARCZEWSKI.CIV@ARMY.MIL
TO PARTICIPATE!

**GRADUATE IN
BETWEEN
SUMMER 2025
AND
DECEMBER 2026**

719-526-2124
www.facebook.com/fortcarsonarmyed

Lapsit Storytime

Grant Library



Feb 17
Feb 24
10:30 am - 11am

Stories, music, play; maybe make a friend today! Babies 0-24 months and their caregivers can enjoy stories, rhymes, and movement every Tuesday.

All information is subject to change.

Feb 17
Feb 24
March 3
1pm - 4 pm

Registration Information
Walk-in basis, first come first
serve. Check in on the lobby
iPad, ACS Center, Bldg. 1526.

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include:**

- Locating parents
- Initiating legal paperwork
- Establishing parentage
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- Helping parents overcome barriers that prevent order compliance



Free service provided by your ACS Community
Information, Referral and Follow-up Program and El Paso
County Child Support Services.



FEB 14

9 AM - 4 PM

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN SHOOTING COMPLEX

LADIES (AGES 6 AND UP) SHOOT FREE ALL DAY ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL [\(719\) 896-6196](tel:7198966196).

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Child Care Aware of America® authorizes subsidy amounts based on Total Family Income (TFI) for those eligible Army families and supplies monthly payments directly to the prospective childcare provider. The Army Fee Assistance Subsidy is the difference between what the Sponsor would pay for on-post childcare and the community-based childcare provider's rate, up to a provider rate cap of \$2000 per child per month.



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WWW.CHILDCAREAWARE.ORG

Homebuyers Workshop (Online - Attend from any location)

"Helping You Make the Best Purchase"



Feb 25

1 pm - 4 pm

Typically repeats monthly on Wednesdays.

Are you purchasing a home and not sure where to start or what has changed? If so, this workshop is for you. Prospective home buyers will learn the in's and out's of the home-buying process.

Topics include:

- The local housing market
- Preparing for home ownership
- Choosing a realtor
- Selecting the right house
- Obtaining the right mortgage
- Veterans Affairs (VA)
- understanding the process from start to closing.

For more information, call [+1\(719\)526-0457](tel:+1(719)526-0457).

Cost Free service provided by your ACS Relocation Readiness Program and Pikes Peak Association of Realtors (PPAR).

Registration Information

[Click here to register](#)



Mission Wellbeing

Practical Tools for Healing, Sleep, and Emotional Wellness

Veteran, service member, or family member?

Struggling with stress, mood, trauma symptoms, or sleep?

Looking to build practical coping and resilience skills?

This supportive, skills-based group offers a structured space to better understand how thoughts, emotions, behaviors, trauma, and sleep impact daily life. Participants will learn practical tools to improve emotional balance, cognitive flexibility, and long-term wellness while connecting with others who share similar experiences.

**This group is held weekly on
Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**

LOCATION:

1915 Aerotech Dr Ste 114 Colorado
Springs, CO 80916

RSVP:



<https://bit.ly/MissionWellbeing26>

PRESENTED BY:



The Steven A. Cohen
Military Family Clinic
at Red Rock



Feb 25 2026, 1:30 pm - 3 pm

All volunteers are required to record their service hours in the Army's Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS).

- When: Last Wednesday of each month
- Time: 1330–1500
- Where: ACS Main Center, Building 1526, Room 213

This training includes:

- New Volunteer Orientation
- VMIS Training
- OPOC (Organizational Point of Contact) Training

Advantages of Using VMIS

- Army-wide system: Used across all installations.
- Portability: Volunteers can continue service seamlessly from post to post without re-registering.
- Service member benefits: Hours tracked in VMIS generate DD4162 and DD4713 forms, supporting award/citation/medal requests.
- Family benefits: Spouses and family members can track hours for resumes, academic programs (e.g., National Honor Society), and college applications.
- Permanent record: VMIS serves as a repository, storing all service information for future reference.

Fort Carson Operation Good Samaritan

Volunteers may also log hours served with any non-profit organization (501c3 or 501c6) in Colorado Springs or Manitou through VMIS.

For more information, contact the Army Volunteer Corps Program Manager at ACS, Building 1526.

Registration Information
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Primary Categories of AER Assistance

- Rent/Mortgage
- Utilities/Deposits
- Emergency Travel
- Travel Funds for Relocation (PCS)
- Funeral Expenses
- Vehicle Repair
- Replacement Vehicle
- Rental Vehicle
- HVAC Repair
- Natural Disaster
- Cranial Helmets
- Basic Essential Furniture
- Car Seats
- Repair or Replacement of Major Appliances
- Minor Home Repairs
- Dental Care for Dependents
- Food
- Clothing

719-526-4783

Contact your local AER Officer about additional categories and exceptions to policy

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

dental care
special-needs medical equipment
austere location leave
non-medical attendant travel
Wounded Warrior gift cards
cranial helmets

FAMILY SUPPORT

childcare
paternity leave
immigration fees

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

spouse relicensing/recertifications
Career Skills Program support



CARE DURING A CRISIS

disaster assistance
safe travel from domestic violence
emergency travel
funeral expenses

BASIC NEEDS & HOUSING

appliance repair/replacement
PCS moves
clothing
food
minor home repairs
housing
utilities
vehicle repairs

AREAS OF SUPPORT

LEGO CLUB @ Grant Library



[Grant Library](#)

You bring the creativity and we'll supply the Legos!

Join us every Wednesday on a journey of ingenuity, open to all ages.

3:30 pm - 4:30pm

Fort Carson HEARTBEAT

Peer Support for Survivors of Suicide Loss

6:15pm the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Heartbeat Care and Share, a time for Heartbeat families and friends affected by suicide to connect.

Virtual ZOOM Meeting or In-person

6990 Mekong Bldg. 6215 Fort Carson

Contact for more information:

Angelika McShan

719-338-1796

gsdfriend2@gmail.com

Paul McShan

202-441-8580

paulmcshan@gmail.com



HEARTBEAT Survivors After Suicide, Inc.

www.heartbeatsurvivorsaftersuicide.org is a international non-profit organization affiliated with

Suicide Prevention Partnership / Pikes Peak Region
American Association of Suicidology
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado

www.pikespeaksuicideprevention.org
www.suicidology.org
www.afsp.org
www.suicidepreventioncolorado.org

USO COLORADO

FEB 12
3-5PM

PUPPIES, PJS AND
PUZZLES



USO.org/CENTERS

Who doesn't love Puppies, PJ's and Puzzles?!
All military families are invited to join
[#USOCOLORADO](https://www.uso.org/colorado) and our furry friends from Karl's
Kanine for a snuggly afternoon of fun! Pajamas are
encouraged, and we will have puzzles and board
games to play! Let us know you are coming here:
<https://brnw.ch/21wZP9p>

OPERATION PURPLE Camp



**REGISTRATION FOR 2026
OPENS ON FEBRUARY 11**



Operation Purple Camp takes place at locations across the country, offering military kids a week designed just for them. This summer, NMFA will host 11 weeks of camp, each offering a unique setting grounded in the same core experience.

70,480

military kids
served
since 2004



of parents reported their camper
was safe, and connected
during their OPC experience

2025 Participants represented



42
states and overseas
duty stations!

Being surrounded by peers who share similar backgrounds helps campers feel less isolated and more confident in who they are. Operation Purple Camp is a meaningful and memorable experience for military kids, offering connection, support, and a chance to simply be kids.

WWW.MILITARYFAMILY.ORG/OPERATION-PURPLE-CAMP-LOCATIONS-ANNOUNCED-FOR-SUMMER-2026

Keeping Military Families Connected—One Story at a Time
When duty calls, distance can make connection hard for families. We make it easier.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, United Through Reading helps service members record and share storytime videos with the children in their lives, ensuring every military child can hear a loved one's voice—no matter where in the world they serve.

Since 1989, we've helped millions of military families stay close through the simple, powerful act of reading together. Because even when miles apart, stories can keep hearts connected.

Military families reading together every day, no matter the distance.

**UNITED
THROUGH READING.**

STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH STORYTIME

SERVICE MEMBERS RECORD THEMSELVES READING A STORY ALOUD, AND THE VIDEO IS SENT HOME FOR THE CHILDREN IN THEIR LIVES TO WATCH AGAIN AND AGAIN.





Free Entrance to National Parks for Current Military, Veterans, and Gold Star Families (U.S. National Park Service)

The National Park Service in partnership with Operation Live Well would like to thank military personnel and their families for their service and invite them to enjoy their national parks.

Current US military and dependents, Gold Star Families, and US military veterans are eligible to receive free annual or lifetime passes which cover entrance or standard amenity (day-use) fees at national parks, national wildlife refuges, national forests, and other federal recreational lands. These free passes are a way to thank US military members for their support of our country and to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters.

Military Annual Pass

Who Is Eligible for a Military Annual Pass

Current members of the US Armed Forces and their dependents are eligible for a Military Annual Pass.

How to Get a Military Annual Pass

In Person

You can pick up a Military Annual Pass for free at many national parks and federal recreation sites. You'll need to bring one of three valid forms of identification:

- Unexpired Common Access Card (CAC)
- Unexpired DD Form 1173
- Unexpired Next Generation Dependent ID (Replacement of DD Form 1173)

[Find a place to get a Military Annual Pass in person](#)

Recreation.gov

To receive a free digital pass, visit Recreation.gov. You can also request a physical pass during the checkout process, which will include a \$7.50 shipping fee.

[Order a Military Annual Pass from Recreation.gov](#)