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Media Advisory **4ID, Fort Carson Recap for June 23-27**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – It's been a busy week for the Soldiers and civilian staff at Fort Carson. Between the Division's Ivy Week festivities and the Garrison's change of responsibility, here are a few highlights from the week of June 23-27.

Ivy Week Highlights: Throughout the week, Soldiers from across the Division came together for a week's worth of dynamic and rigorous events, demonstrating Soldiers' skills, teamwork and competitive spirit.

1. Ivy's Fittest Soldier Competition: The 4th Inf. Div. hosted a three-day competition to determine the "Ivy's Fittest Soldier" as part of the Division's Ivy Week June 23-25. The competition tested participants' strength, endurance and grit while fostering Esprit de Corps and a culture of fitness within the Division. Approximately 20 Soldiers from across the installation completed the following events:

- The 1000-pound competition: The combined weight from bench press, deadlift and squat.
- The Gauntlet: A timed, nine-course event comprised of running, rope climbs and weightlifting.
- 12-mile ruck: A timed ruck march around post complete with a 35-pound ruck sack and weapon.

Capt. Conner Salisbury, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Div. and Sgt. Valeria Valdez, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 4th Inf. Div., were crowned as the competition's winners.

Photos can be found at <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/9129206/ivy-week-2025>



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2. **Battle of Suoi Tre Physical Training Event:** The 4th Infantry Division hosted a physical training event honoring the 3rd Brigade, 4th Inf. Div., Soldiers and the attached and assigned units who fought in the Battle of Suoi Tre March 21, 1967.

Divided into teams of approximately 30 members, Soldier from across Fort Carson, as well as service members from Peterson Space Force Base, completed a two-mile obstacle course, testing participants' grit, strength and endurance.

Photos can be found at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCjztk>

3. **Most Lethal Warrior Competition:** Soldiers assigned to the 4th Infantry Division participate in the Most Lethal Warrior Competition on Fort Carson, Colo., June 25, 2025. The competition consisted of six events over a 12-mile route, testing teams' individual soldier skills, fitness levels and teamwork to demonstrate lethality.

Photos can be found at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/9129716/ivy-week-2025>

4. **Ivy Week Sports:** <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/9129211/ivy-week-2025>

5. **Ivy Week 2025** | Photos from throughout the week can be found at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCj8uj>

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Carson Change of Responsibility

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Carson conducted a change of responsibility ceremony Friday morning in which Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Mortensen passed the ceremonial guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Travis Manuel, symbolizing the transfer for responsibility from one senior enlisted leader to the next.

Manuel enlisted as a 19D Cavalry Scout in 2004 and has served in every leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. Before assuming responsibility for the Garrison, Manuel served as the senior enlisted leader of the 4-10 Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

Mortensen assumed responsibility for the Garrison May 2023. During his time at Fort Carson, he served as the senior enlisted leader to the garrison commander, advocating for all Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians who support the installation. Upon relinquishing responsibility



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of the garrison, Mortensen will retire after having served over 27 years in the U.S. Army.

Photos can be found at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/9136790>

Still to come: Fort Carson' Front Range Freedom Fest

Fort Carson's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host the Front Range Freedom Fest June 28 from 4–10 p.m. at Iron Horse Park located on post.

The event will include a live rock concert featuring Default, Anberlin, and Vertical Horizon, as well as festival entertainment, food trucks and a fireworks show to end the night.

The event is free and open to the public. Patrons without installation access are encouraged to apply online for a gate pass in advance of the event. For those who do not preregister, a valid form of ID for anyone 15 years or older is required to access the event. All vehicles are subject to search.

While admission is free, fees will apply for attractions, food and merchandise.

For a complete schedule of events, parking details and installation access, visit <https://carson.armymwr.com/freedomfest>

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-4143/7525. After hours please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at (719) 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.