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2025 in review in photographs



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Lt. Col. David Olson, observer coach trainer/public affairs officer, Mission Command Training Program; Brig. Gen. Mark Siekman, deputy commanding general - U.S. Army Reserve Affairs, Combined Arms Center; Sgt. Maj. Rob Flynn, Mission Command Center of Excellence; and Pvt. Antonio Lopez, Medical Department Activity, cut the Army birthday cake June 13, 2025, at the Fort Leavenworth Dining Facility. Olson represented the post's oldest soldier, with 43 years in the Army, and Lopez represented the youngest soldier, with 11 months in the Army. The Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth celebrated the Army's 250th birthday with a proclamation signing followed by a quiz bowl and sports events. The DFAC permanently closed after the Dec. 31, 2025 meal.

Pfc. Gabriel McBride, religious affairs specialist at her first duty station, and Chaplain (Col.) Seth George, Combined Arms Center senior command chaplain, cut a cake to celebrate the Chaplain Corps' 250th anniversary during a luncheon July 29, 2025, at Frontier Chapel.



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Photo by Julia Hong

Eight-year-old Sophie Hong "conquers" the snow after helping shovel her family's driveway, with the hope of returning to school the next day, Jan. 6, 2025, on Fort Leavenworth. School was cancelled Jan. 6-8, 2025, due to the weather. Community members helped document the ice storm and blizzard that hit Fort Leavenworth and surrounding areas Jan. 4-5, 2025. The extreme winter weather cancelled church, school and other events and required teleworking for much of the fort's workforce due to dangerous road conditions and continued frigid temperatures.



Photo by Melanie Libby/Fort Leavenworth Lamp Intern

Former Fort Leavenworth Garrison Commander Col. Duane Mosier and his spouse Mandy Mosier take on former Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Vanessa Sun and her spouse Jimmy Sun in an inaugural pickleball game following a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new community space June 25, 2025, at Grant Park. Current Fort Leavenworth Garrison Commander Col. Todd Sunday took command July 1, 2025, and current Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Franks assumed responsibility during the government shutdown in the fall.



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With the nation's colors flying from an excavator in the background, David Manka, chief of Army Corps of Engineers Construction Division; Mark Goodwin, Clark Construction senior vice president; then-Fort Leavenworth Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Vanessa Sun; Deputy to the Garrison Commander John Burns; Combined Arms Center Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Carns; then-CAC and Fort Leavenworth Commanding General Lt. Gen. Milford Beagle Jr.; Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran; Child and Youth Services Coordinator Carole Hoffman; and the Newcomb family — Maj. Christopher Newcomb, combat operations analyst at The Research and Analysis Center, his wife Hedei Newcomb and their 4-year-old son Cortland — ceremoniously break ground for the new Child Development Center being built along Hancock Avenue March 20, 2025.

Beagle retired in September; the Combined Arms Center became the Combined Arms Command in October; and current CAC and Fort Leavenworth Commanding General Lt. Gen. James Isenhower III took command in November.

For a more comprehensive year in review, visit <https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/about/news> to read archived issues of the *Fort Leavenworth Lamp*.

Funeral today for retired LTC Jack Walker

OBITUARY

Courtesy of the Walker Family and Davis Funeral Chapel

Funeral service is at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Leavenworth, with burial to follow at 11 a.m. at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. Following the burial, lunch will be served at the church, and all are welcome.

Retired Lt. Col. Jack Ellsworth Walker, 91, of Leavenworth, Kansas, passed away on Dec. 31, 2025, in Olathe, Kansas. He was born on Feb. 18, 1934, in Baltimore, Maryland, to John E. Walker and Mildred E. Walker (Hardwick), both of whom predeceased him. He grew up and attended school in Baltimore, culminating in his graduation from Johns Hopkins University. While attending university he played football, lacrosse and enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the Regular Army as a second lieutenant in the Armor Branch. Prior to reporting for his first duty assignment, Jack married the love of his life, Doris I. Martin, on June 22, 1957 in Baltimore.

Jack had a distinguished military career that included assignments at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Hood, Texas; Germany; Baltimore; the Pentagon; Fort Leavenworth; Korea; and Vietnam. His service in Vietnam included combat action during the Tet Offensive where he was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge.

In 1985 he became the deputy to the Garrison commander of Fort Leavenworth, a post he held for 33 years, until his retirement in 2019 with 62 years of federal service. Jack loved the military and supporting soldiers and their families. He fulfilled his dream of serving his country. Needing to keep his mind active following Doris' death and his retirement, he enrolled in school to complete a second master's degree, which was awarded at the age of 88.

When asked what he was going to do next, his typical reply would be "I'm going to medical school, which I can complete by the time I am 102. Then I'll hang out my shingle that will say Dr. Walker, Experienced in Gerontology."

Those who knew him well also knew that he was involved in almost everything in the Leavenworth community: Leavenworth City Planning Commission for 20 years; director, Citizens Savings and Loan FSB for 30 Years; director, Armed Forces Insurance; director, Saint John and Providence Hospitals; director, Leadership Leavenworth/Lansing; Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs; American Red Cross; Carillon Committee, Leavenworth National Cemetery; Leavenworth Lions Club; OBs of Fort Leavenworth; Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion; Disabled American Veterans; Military Society of the Purple Heart; and

the Henry Leavenworth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Boy Scouts of America's Heart of America Council recognized Jack with its highest honor for adult Scout volunteers – the prestigious Silver Beaver Award. He was a lifelong member of the Mount Moriah Masonic Lodge No. 116 of Towson, Maryland. In 1996 he was recognized as the Leavenworth Citizen of the Year. When not working or engaged in community activities, he enjoyed golf, honing his marksman skills, backpacking and camping, and he was an avid reader. Jack joins his wife, Doris Martin Walker, at his heavenly home. He is survived by three children: Jack E. Jr. (Theresa) of Katy, Texas; Kathryn Walker West (Oliver I., deceased) of Leavenworth; and Kevin M. Walker (Renee) of Lenexa, Kansas. He was the loving "Pop Pop" of four grandchildren — Jenaé Walker Templeman (Brock), Justin, Brooks and Brady Walker, and two great-grandchildren — Graham and Collins Templeman. He welcomed two special step-granddaughters, Angela West and Amber West, into his life.

Jack was generous, honorable, a thoughtful mentor to countless individuals, a gentleman and a great friend. He was a gracious servant, and his legacy will be felt in the Leavenworth area community for many years to come. He and Doris were role models for their family and to many in the community.

The family would like to thank the Kansas University Medical Center teams, especially the ICU team in Unit 63. As was typical for Dad, he made everyone around him feel special as he learned tidbits about each of the doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, aides and housekeepers. Special appreciation is expressed to the Olathe Hospice House for — using Dad's words — a serene setting for his comfort care.

Jack was a lifelong Methodist and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth since 1970 where he served in various capacities. His great joy in recent years was working with the Samaritan's Buffet Team to prepare and serve meals on Saturday. He was known as the master dishwasher.

Visitation was Jan. 7, and the funeral service is at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Leavenworth, 422 Chestnut St., with burial to follow at 11 a.m. at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. Following the burial, lunch will be served at the church, and all are welcome.

Arrangements are entrusted to Davis Funeral Chapel, Leavenworth. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth, 422 Chestnut St., Leavenworth, KS 66048, or the University of Kansas Health System Olathe Hospice House, 15310 S Marion St, Olathe, KS 66061.



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ABOVE: Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal Jack Walker, deputy to the garrison commander, waves to the Waugh family as the annual parade makes its way through downtown Leavenworth Nov. 11, 2005.

LEFT: As the Fort Leavenworth contingent of troops enters the reviewing stand area, Deputy to the Garrison Commander Jack Walker salutes the flag held aloft by the Medical Department Activity Color Guard during the Veterans Day parade Nov. 11, 2017, in downtown Leavenworth.

BELOW: Jack Walker prepares to walk Glennie Morris, commissary manager, down the aisle during her wedding Sept. 17, 2001. Morris married Joseph Klubeck over her lunch hour at the Fort Leavenworth Commissary.



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Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, commander of Installation Management Command, and others applaud as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Kansas retired Lt. Gen. Robert Arter, with wife Lois, shakes hands with Jack Walker, deputy to the Garrison commander, during a ceremony honoring Walker with the Exceptional Civilian Service Award Aug. 8 , 2013, at the Frontier Conference Center.

Walker receives top civilian award

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Archives

by Jan Dumay/Former Fort Leavenworth Lamp Staff Writer

At 2 p.m. Aug. 8, 2013, Jack E. Walker, deputy to the Fort Leavenworth Garrison commander, sat at a table in his office assessing an event that took place three hours earlier.

In an 11 a.m. ceremony that day in the crowded ballroom of the Frontier Conference Center, Walker was awarded the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, the highest award a Department of the Army civilian can receive. Only two awards take precedence over it: the Distinguished Service Cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Walker, 79, also received a plaque for 55 years of service to the federal government. It was presented by Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, commander of the Army's Installation Management Command.

But to Walker, who was called "a living legend" in the ceremony by Garrison Commander Col. Timothy R. Wulff, the whole thing seemed quite perplexing.

"I told someone this morning, 'You get to be my age and you've got the years of service, and they don't know what else to do with you so they give you a medal,'" he said. "It's like giving you a gold watch when you retire."

But Walker said he has no plans to retire from a job he loves because it keeps him young and young at heart.

"I don't feel that I have done anything special to

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merit the recognition because I have been and continue to do what I have loved to do for these many years,” he told those at the ceremony.

“This honor is not mine alone but needs to be shared with many soldiers and leaders with whom I have served and the hundreds of dedicated civilian employees with whom I have associated over the years. It did not take me long to recognize that what my fellow civilian employees do is really what deserves the recognition.”

Modesty, say those who know him well, is characteristic of the man whose career highlights also include receiving many previous accolades for both military and civilian service, such as the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. He is the only person on post to receive the Exceptional Civilian Service Award.

“I’m very proud of him,” said Walker’s son, Kevin, after the ceremony. “I think he’s amazing. He’s worked very hard and really has dedicated a lot of his life to making Fort Leavenworth a better place for everyone. I think this is in recognition of the work that he’s done.”

The Exceptional Civilian Service Award states, in part, that from October 2009 through October 2012, Walker “provided unparalleled leadership while demonstrating an unyielding commitment to excellence, diversity and selfless service in support of soldiers, families, civilians, retirees and those in the surrounding communities. Through his vision, a tireless work ethic and an amazing knack of putting the many diverse pieces together, he flawlessly orchestrated day-to-day activities, as well as long-range plans while actively seeking increased efficiencies in the midst of delivering improved services to the community.”

Walker’s service to the nation began in 1957, when he was commissioned as the distinguished military graduate of the ROTC program at Johns Hopkins University. During his military career, he served as an adviser in Vietnam and worked in the J-3 of the United Nations Command in Korea.

He came to Fort Leavenworth in 1970, first as a Command and General Staff College student and then he stayed another year as an author and instructor for CGSC. After a tour in Korea, Walker returned to Fort Leavenworth as the assistant director of CGSC’s Department of Command. He was the post’s director of Plans, Training and Security from 1978 until his retirement in 1980.

After a short stint with the Kansas Office of Emergency Management, Walker returned to work for the Army as a civilian, managing the Media Support Center. For the last 28 years, he has been the deputy to the Garrison commander.

“The effects of your contributions will endure for all times,” retired Lt. Gen. Robert Arter, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army for Kansas, told Walker at the ceremony. “With each opportunity to share time with you, we profit from your vision, achievements, generosity in so many ways and particularly as an educator and mentor.”

In his remarks, Arter referred to the fact that Elvis Presley had been Walker’s driver in the Army.

When it was his turn to speak, Walker joked that he hoped his tombstone will state something other than that fact.

“If that is my singular accomplishment from my career, hopefully, we can do better than that,” he said.

Walker lives in Leavenworth with his wife of 56 years, Doris. The couple has three children and four grandchildren.

At the ceremony, Walker thanked his wife “for hanging in there with me. Without her help and understanding I would never be where I am today,” he said.

Wulff told Walker that it had been an honor to serve with him and learn from him.

“Mr. Walker, I tell you this — you deserve every award, every accolade that’s come your way,” Wulff said.

Later, Wulff said that he appreciated Walker’s command of the English language.

“Everything I write and everything I say, he’s correcting me,” he said. “So not only is he helping me professionally with my duties, he’s also helping me with my grammar, my English.”

Wulff, who has been the Garrison commander since June 2012, said he had feared that Walker, with his longevity on post, would want to take over. He need not have worried.

“He told me when I came, ‘Even though I have been here 27, 28 years, this is your turn. I’ve had my time,’” Wulff said. “He never hinders me in any way, but he’s always there to backstop.

“He’s very humble. It’s about mission. It’s not about individual accolades. It’s not about any of that. That’s why he’s so nice to work with. He’s a very good man.”

Walker, who has worked for 12 Garrison commanders, likened his job to being a city manager.

“We have the equivalent of parks and recreation, we have contracting, we have logistics, and we have engineering and a police department and a fire department,” Walker said. “So, it’s the whole gamut of things that you



Jack Walker, deputy to the Garrison commander, hugs his wife Doris as their children Kevin Walker and Kathryn West smile and applaud after Walker's remarks upon being presented the Exceptional Civilian Service Award Aug. 8, 2013, at the Frontier Conference Center. Walker was also honored for 55 years of government service.

Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp



Lamp file photo

Deputy to the Garrison Commander Jack Walker was awarded a Superior Civilian Service Medal in the Installation Base Operations Center Sept. 1, 2009, when Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, commander of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, and CAC Command Sgt. Maj. Philip Johndrow surprised two Garrison unsung heroes with awards for their outstanding leadership during the last two years. Walker was told there was a briefing in the IBOC about the H1N1 flu, but after a few brief remarks from Caldwell about H1N1, Walker was called forward to receive his award. After surprising Walker, Caldwell went to the Adjutant General Office to surprise Adjutant General Victoria Wells with a Superior Civilian Service Medal.



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Deputy to the Garrison Commander Jack Walker places a brick, given in his honor by the Garrison team, during a brick installation ceremony by the Friends of the Frontier Army Museum Frontier Tribute Trail May 2, 2017, in front of the Frontier Army Museum. Walker’s brick reads “Mr. Jack E. Walker, deputy Garrison commander, with deep respect for over six decades of federal service. Thank you!”



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Commander Lt. Gen. David Petraeus pins Jack Walker with the Superior Civilian Service Award before a meeting in the CAC commander's conference room Aug. 25, 2006. The Superior Civilian Service Award is the third-highest Department of the Army honorary award granted by a commander, major general and above.

would find in any city.”

Despite recent financial woes in the Army, Walker remains positive.

“I keep telling people, ‘The sun’s going to come up tomorrow. It’s going to be a little bit more difficult in making things happen and managing things because you’re not going to have as many dollars, you’re not going to have as many people,’” he said. “But I told someone this morning that in the years that I’ve been doing this, we have never, never had a person go out the front gate involuntarily. We’ve always been able to move them from one job to another job, or they were eligible to retire. There’s a great deal of pride in that. We take care of our people and make sure that the people have a way to earn a living. And they don’t have to go to bed at night worrying about, ‘My job’s going to go away tomorrow.’”

Walker said he appreciates his working environment.

“I’ve had great bosses, the Garrison commanders and the sergeants majors, and I’ve got great directors and the supervisors under them,” he said. “I just sit here and do my thing, and it’s pretty comfortable, it really is.”

It’s been a good life, he noted.

“And I’m not rushing to leave it,” he said.



Photos by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

ABOVE: Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, commander of Installation Management Command, presents a plaque to Jack Walker, deputy to the Garrison commander, recognizing Walker’s 55 years of government service Aug. 8, 2013, at the Frontier Conference Center. Walker also received the Exceptional Civilian Service Award during the ceremony.

BELOW: Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Williams presents Vietnam veteran retired Lt. Col. Jack Walker with a commemorative lapel pin during a ceremony honoring Vietnam veterans for their service March 29, 2019, at Frontier Chapel. Walker served as guest speaker for the ceremony.



CASO Panel focuses on irregular warfare threats in Indo-Pacific region

by Jessica Brushwood/Army University Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Cultural and Area Studies Office hosted the second panel of the academic year to discuss irregular warfare threats during multi-domain operations in the Indo-Pacific Dec. 15 at the Lewis and Clark Center.

“Irregular warfare has proven a critical aspect of the United States security policy across a wide variety of conflicts and war,” said Col. Ethan Diven, CGSC deputy commandant, during opening remarks.

Moderator and CASO Director Dr. Mahir Ibrahimov shared a graphic outlining the complexity of military strategy that integrates space, cyberspace and Special Operations Forces to enhance deterrence and operational effectiveness before turning the discussion to the panelists.

Panelists were faculty members of CGSC who shared their multi-faceted research on IW and discussed military strategy implications.

This panel is part of a seminar series discussing issues of operational and strategic importance to the United States, and are conducted regularly with CASO in coordination with CGSC, universities, think tanks, interagency and other partners.

Dr. Dan Cox and Dr. Luke Herrington, School of Advanced Military Studies instructors, presented their research on the social media platform TikTok as a potential current and future weapon.

“We quickly discovered that Chinese cognitive warfare was a problem far greater than a single social



Photo by Jim Shea/Army University Public Affairs

The Command and General Staff College Cultural and Area Studies Office panelists School of Advanced Military Studies instructors Dr. Dan Cox and Dr. Luke Herrington and CGSC’s Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations instructors Dr. Joseph Donalbain and Lt. Col. J. Thompson discuss irregular warfare threats during multi-domain operations in the Indo-Pacific Dec. 15 at the Lewis and Clark Center.

media platform. We assert that China is offering the United States two forms of warfare, one kinetic and the other cognitive,” Cox said.

Evidence of intentionality was found around data harvesting, data privacy and as a weapon of mass distraction that can be used for domestic social control and global information operations.

Herrington highlighted the variety of data TikTok has been known to access including SIM card content, tax and social security information, and biometric data.

While western social platforms also practice surveillance capitalism, Herrington explained that U.S. adversaries have weaponized this TikTok data, including virtually

stalking reporters to identify sources who had spoken critically of the company.

“We know that it has already been used in Chinese multi-domain operations. In particular while the People’s Liberation Army Navy was engaged in kinetic activities off the coast of Taiwan, TikTok was being used to pepper the island with propaganda about the operation at the same time,” Herrington said.

Cox described additional shopping, gaming and artificial intelligence apps that have aggressive malware, access to sensitive user information or feed the user propaganda.

Poison-the-well operations, such as China’s Operation Shadow Play that occurred on YouTube in 2022-23, make legitimate

information hard to find and promote pro-Chinese and anti-American narratives on many political topics.

Mr. Joseph Donalbain, instructor, Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations, CGSC, presented a case study of IW tactics used by North Korea during the Korean Demilitarized Zone conflict and the conditions that enabled their effectiveness.

“Irregular warfare seeks to disrupt, degrade, or discredit an adversary and sow discord among allies,” Donalbain said.

Tactics used by North Korea, including an assassination attempt on the South Korean president at the executive mansion and seaborne attacks on the

border, were effective in causing panic in the population and mistrust of the government’s ability to protect them.

Donalbain warned of conditions today that could enable success of similar tactics with potential outcomes, which was underscored by fellow DJIMO instructor Lt. Col. J. Thompson.

Thompson spoke to IW basics, such as planning and execution as laid out in a book chapter he co-authored with Maj. John Wirge titled, “Irregular Warfare within Multi-Domain Operations: Focusing on the Fundamentals.” Thompson and Wirge’s chapter will be part of a larger anthology. The anthology is the third of its kind sponsored by CASO in

support of U.S. national security and senior leadership’s priorities.

“IW is not separate or a secondary effort, it is a critical component especially during the competition and crisis phase aspects of the continuum that may precede or accompany open conflict,” Thompson said.

The war in Ukraine provides examples of the spectrum of activities found in IW, including civil military operations, information warfare and proxy actions that shape the battlespace as much as conventional maneuver.

The full panel can be viewed on the CGSC YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@USArmyCGSC/streams>.

MAHC leads winter readiness effort to support force health protection



Photo by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs

Munson Army Health Center Family Medicine Physician Dr. (Capt.) William Glazier cleans his hands before a patient encounter, Jan. 6 at MAHC. Protecting patients and preserving readiness starts with simple preventive actions. As winter illnesses increase on and around Fort Leavenworth, MAHC leaders stress that proper handwashing is one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of flu and other winter illnesses, helping keep the force and families healthy and ready.

by Christina Yager/Munson Army Health Center Public Affairs Officer

As cold and flu season progresses across the Midwest, Munson Army Health Center leaders encourage service members, families, retirees and federal employees to join in a proactive effort to reduce illness and strengthen community readiness.

The new campaign — “Winter Ready. Mission Ready.” — emphasizes that protecting health is tied directly to readiness on and off duty.

“Whether on the range, worksite, in classrooms, the community or at home, staying healthy impacts how well we perform and how strong our installation remains,” said Col. Jolanda L.J. Walker, director of Munson Army Health Center and the installation Force Health Protection proponent.

“Readiness starts with basic steps — washing hands, staying home when sick and staying rested. Every member of our community plays a part.”

The initiative focuses on five actions that provide the strongest defense against winter illness:

- Frequent handwashing and cleaning high touch surfaces
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Staying home when fever or flu-like symptoms appear
- Prioritizing sleep, hydration and nutritious food for a strong immune system
- Receiving the flu vaccine, available at MAHC or TRICARE-approved providers

MAHC leaders note that winter illness not only affects individual health — it can lead to lost duty time, reduced operational capability and strain on military families.

“Protecting the health of our force is a shared community responsibility,” Walker said. “That includes service members, spouses, children, retirees and the civilian workforce. Mission success depends on a healthy community.”

Beneficiaries are encouraged to seek medical guidance when symptoms worsen or if they have prolonged fever.

To schedule an appointment for acute symptoms or illness contact MAHC’s call center 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at 913 684-6250 or use the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal 24/7 at <https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil>.

The TRICARE Nurse Advice Line (1-800-TRICARE) is available 24/7 to support care decisions and locate after-hours urgent care.

TRICARE beneficiaries ages 6 months and older who still need a flu shot can stop by the Department of Primary Care at MAHC 8-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays to receive a flu shot. Department of Defense Identification Cards are required for patients ages 10 years and older.

To stay informed throughout the winter season, community members can follow Munson Army Health Center on Facebook for weekly readiness tips and wellness reminders.

U.S. Army Year in Review

Part 1: Army meets recruiting goal, celebrates 250th anniversary

2025 IN REVIEW COMMENTARY

by Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Nofziger

WASHINGTON — As 2025 drew to a close, the United States Army reaffirmed its commitment to soldiers after another incredible year. Throughout the year the Army spent 2025 preparing for a bigger and better 2026, elevating the soldier experience and awarded performance for life-saving and historic actions.

Preparing for the future

The U.S. Army successfully met its fiscal year 2025 recruiting goals for active duty, signing contracts with more than 61,000 future soldiers — a full four months before the end of the fiscal year. This achievement represents a significant turning point for the Army and indicates a renewed sense of patriotism and purpose among America's youth.

Recruiting the best of the best has to begin somewhere, and the Army understood that recruits need more time to prepare before Basic Combat Training. Thus, the Future Soldier Preparation Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, was implemented. The program has proved successful following a major influx of future soldiers, which continues to increase the Army's effectiveness and combat lethality.

Recruiting and initial training are vital to the Army's future but ensuring continued dedicated service of those already in the Army is paramount to success. The Army, this year, focused its efforts on strategic and talent-focused retention initiatives for enlisted, commissioned officer and warrant officers, resulting in achieving 108 percent of its retention goal one month ahead of schedule.

Improving the soldier experience

Five of the Army's largest installations are now poised to provide soldiers with a wider variety of nutritious meals available at flexible hours in improved dining environments. This is thanks to the Army Food Program's campus-style dining venue pilot program, awarded by the Army's Installation Management Command.

Army senior leadership, following a force-wide review of military standards, implemented new grooming policies this year. The updated policies, aimed at increasing soldier readiness and professionalism, ensure leaders and soldiers alike are more quickly able to understand what "right looks like," regardless of gender or any other distinguishing characteristic. By ensuring leaders in all formations are empowered to enforce discipline, the Army can continue its commitment to lethal readiness.

Recognizing excellence

The Army had the privilege of presenting the Congressional Gold Medal to several groups, including two outstanding and heretofore unrecognized unique units from its past. The 369th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard, famously composed of all black soldiers, known as the Harlem Hellfighters, served with utmost honor and distinction in World War I. The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only unit of its kind in

World War II, also received this honor for its unwavering dedication to soldier morale, delivering nearly 17 million pieces of mail in just three months.

World War II-era Army Rangers were also honored with a Congressional Gold Medal for their actions during the D-Day landings at Normandy in 1944. Part of Operation Overlord, the landings were instrumental in turning the war, gaining the Allies a foothold in Europe. The Ranger's historic valor during the invasion of France is what earned them the motto "Rangers lead the way!"

Soldiers are expected to be always prepared for any mission. The "Dog-face" Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division, as well as the first responders of the Winn Army Community Hospital, demonstrated this resolve at the highest degree following an active shooter incident on Fort Stewart, Georgia, this past summer. Secretary of the Army the Honorable Dan Driscoll visited Fort Stewart specifically to honor the soldiers responsible for ensuring the perpetrator was caught and for saving the lives of those affected.

Sgt. Christian Sutton's initiative Operation Ring the Bell surged into a new phase when an 82nd Airborne Division soldier received some difficult news. Needing a bone marrow transplant, the initiative resulted in more than 1,000 soldiers completing screenings, all due to word of mouth and social media.

Finally, the Army added seven new Soldiers to the storied list of Medal of Honor recipients. Six recipients succumbed to their wounds while defending their teammates and battle positions in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, while Spc. 4th Class Kenneth David survived. David and family members of the fallen received the Congressional Medal of Honor from former President Joe Biden.

Army 250th celebration

The major revelry across our force this year was the historic celebration of the U.S. Army's 250th birthday. The Army is adept at organizing large-scale events whether it's a grand parade in Washington, the first eight-hour live-stream event on the National Mall, or the countless celebrations around the world, the Army certainly knows how to throw a party.

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U.S. Army photo by Spc. Rebeca Soria

U.S. Army soldiers prepare to march in the 250th Army Birthday Parade June 14, 2025, in Washington, D.C.



U.S. Army photo by Russell Toof

Stanley Earley III, son of 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion commander Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley, is presented the Congressional Gold Medal from Speaker of the House, Rep. Mike Johnson (R-La.) during a ceremony in Emancipation Hall at the U.S. Capitol building. Judith Earley, Lt. Col. Adams Earley's daughter, left, was also present to help accept the medal. Fort Leavenworth is home to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion monument, located in the Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Area.

6888th recipient of Congressional Gold Medal

by Russell Toof/U.S. Army Reserve

WASHINGTON (May 1, 2025) — Some 80 years after their groundbreaking contributions in World War II, the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor awarded in the United States, in a ceremony April 29, 2025, at the U.S. Capitol building. The event drew members of Congress and hundreds of attendees to recognize the all-black, all-female unit's acclaim.

Stanley Earley III, son of unit commander Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley, accepted the medal on behalf of the 6888th.

"The Congressional Gold Medal has reinforced the principle that those who dedicate themselves fully, regardless of race or gender, can be recognized at the highest levels," he said. Judith Earley, Adams Earley's daughter, was also present to help accept the medal.

Retired Col. Edna Cummings, Army Reserve ambassador for Maryland, spearheaded the legislative effort that culminated in the award.

"Due to the tenacity of families and hundreds of supporters worldwide, the 'Six Triple Eight's' history is known internationally," Cummings said. "I'd just like to say, with my utmost appreciation, respect and humility, please know that everyone in here, all of you helped shape the enduring legacy of the Six Triple Eight."

From military leadership and the halls of Congress to the entertainment industry, Cummings has dedicated years to making sure the story was told.

Speaker of the House Rep. Mike Johnson, (R-La.), hosted the ceremony.

"As we've heard today, the story of the Six Triple Eight has been buried in American history for quite some time," Johnson said. "But we are grateful for the many descendants, historians and advocates with us today who helped bring the legacy of this storied unit to light."

The ceremony was also attended by a bipartisan group of congressional leaders including Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Rep. Gwen Moore (D-Wis.), former Rep. Jake LaTurner (R-Kan.), House Minority Leader Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.J.), Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), and Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.).

Army Reserve leadership, both past and present, was represented, including retired Lt. Gen. Jody Daniels, former chief of the Army Reserve; Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Betty, current Army Reserve command sergeant major; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lashon White, Army Reserve command chief warrant officer; and Maj. Gen. Kris Belanger, commanding general of the 99th Readiness Division.

The 6888th, the only unit of its kind, deployed to Europe in 1945 to clear a massive backlog of undelivered mail that had accumulated due to wartime disruptions. Exposed to challenging conditions — unheated, dark warehouses with rats and spoiled food — the soldiers nevertheless processed approximately 65,000 pieces of mail per eight-hour shift. Motivated by their motto — "no mail, low morale," they worked around the clock with unwavering dedication, sorting through roughly 17 million pieces of mail, completing their mission in just three months — half the expected timeframe.

U.S. Army Year in Review

Part 2: Warfighting is Army’s top priority

2025 IN REVIEW COMMENTARY

by Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Nofziger

WASHINGTON — U.S. Army soldiers proved the most lethal and combat-ready force in the world in 2025. From showcasing advanced warfighting capabilities and tactics, securing and defending the nation from within our borders, to proving our skills in international conflict, there is no doubt the U.S. Army’s training prepares soldiers to fight and win.

Improved capabilities

Exercise Saber Junction, an annual training exercise conducted in the rigorous mountain terrain of eastern Germany, with 15 allied nations tested every warfighting function in tough, realistic simulations.

The Army has spent all year perfecting its counter-Unmanned Aerial System defense capabilities through a series of events known as Project Flytrap. The most recent iteration was mid-November in Germany where air defense soldiers, procurement specialists and commercial vendors joined to test innovative systems designed to detect, discriminate and/or defeat air threats. In the spirit of competition, Project Flytrap 4.5 provided a \$350,000 cash prize to four participants who presented the most innovative designs.

A lethal warfighter must be physically fit, something the Army has always known and always taken seriously. In advance of Secretary of War Pete Hegseth’s Sept. 30, 2025, speech to senior military leadership, the Army had already overhauled its physical fitness testing system. On June 1, 2025, a leaner, more combat-focused Army Fitness Test officially replaced its former test, ensuring Army warriors are more prepared for future combat. To double down on its commitment to physical fitness, soldiers scoring exceptionally well on the Army Fitness Test are now exempt from meeting body fat standards.

Protecting the homeland

Under the orders of President Donald Trump, this year saw the mobilization of Army National Guard troops nationwide to protect major cities from unrest. Los Angeles, California; Portland, Oregon; and Chicago, Illinois, have all hosted or are preparing to host commander-in-chief-directed forces to ensure the safety and security of Americans during a tumultuous time. Protecting our own backyard is im-

perative to ensuring the Army can defend the nation aboard.

Further, the Army established Joint Task Force-Southern Border under USNORTHCOM, led by the 10th Mountain Division, and quickly established four new National Defense Areas along the U.S. southern border. The Army is responsible for NDAs in New Mexico and west Texas, while the Air Force controls the South Texas NDA and the Navy an NDA in Yuma, Arizona. Approximately 8,500 forces have been attached to JTF-SB since its creation, leading to a more secure and defended southern U.S. border.

The Army National Guard continued its dedication to providing swift and precise assistance when called upon within 24 hours of Trump’s Aug. 11, 2025, call to transform Washington, D.C. Joint Task Force-D.C.

Battle-tested soldiers

Australia hosted Exercise Talisman Sabre 25, a biennial multinational event, from July to August, resulting in some of the most spectacular battle-ready effects heretofore seen. Soldiers worked alongside Australian Defence Force and 18 other nations to execute military and special operations on land, sea, and in air. For the first time on the Australian mainland, soldiers conducted a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System launch, signaling a new era in modern Army combat effectiveness. To the west, the Typhon mid-range missile system was launched against a maritime target, another first-time victory for the U.S. Army.

On the evening of Mon. June 23, 2025, 44 soldiers remained on Al-Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Base officials had received reports of possible Iranian counterstrikes following Operation Midnight Hammer’s successful destruction of key nuclear facilities. When the alarms sounded, round after round of Patriot missiles effectively destroyed the in-



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Aaron Troutman

District of Columbia National Guard soldiers stand watch in support of Joint Task Force–District of Columbia during the D.C. Safe and Beautiful mission in Washington, D.C., Aug. 16, 2025. Guard members were positioned at key locations throughout the city to provide a visible security presence alongside law enforcement partners.

bound Iranian missiles, marking the “largest single Patriot engagement in U.S. military history,” according to U.S. Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Celebrating our past

Demonstrations of our combat power marked the U.S. Army’s 250th birthday during a yearlong celebration. Highlighting victory in combat events over the past 250 years, the U.S. Army showcased the evolution of strength from the Revolutionary War through the Global War on Terrorism. Modern technology and equipment heavily featured in the Birthday Parade in Washington, D.C., the famed Golden Knights parachute team completed a precision jump, the Army Birthday Fitness Challenge on the National Mall demonstrated exceptional soldier physical strength, and 250 soldiers re-enlisted into continued Army service by the president.

Finally, a major headline for 2025 was the redesignation of several U.S. Army installations across the country. Most notably, Fort Bragg, previously named Fort Liberty, was redesignated in honor of Pfc. Roland L. Bragg, a WWII paratrooper who earned the Silver Star. Once again, Army Aviators will train and perfect their craft at Fort Rucker,

formerly Fort Novosel. Named for Army Capt. Edward W. Rucker Jr., an aviation pioneer and pilot in WWI. “The Great Place” is once again Fort Hood, after WWI hero Col. Robert Benjamin Hood. The Combined Arms Support Command now calls Fort Lee home, celebrating Buffalo Soldier and Medal of Honor recipient Pvt. Fitz Lee.

The former Fort Barfoot is now Fort Pickett, for WWII 1st. Lt. Vernon W. Pickett; Fort Gordon is now named after Medal of Honor recipient Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon, who served in the Battle of Mogadishu; WWII Silver Star recipient Gen. James H. Polk lends his name to the redesignated Fort Polk; finally, Fort A.P. Hill is now named after three Civil War Medal of Honor recipients: Lt. Col. Edward Hill, 1st. Sgt. Robert A. Pinn and Pvt. Bruce Anderson.

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Pet of the Week: Bobbi

Bobbi is a 1-year-old female great Dane mix available for adoption at the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility.

She has already been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. The adoption fee for a dog is \$155, which helps cover some of the care received.

E-mail fortleavenworthstray-facility@gmail.com for an adoption application and call 913-335-0788 for an appointment. Military affiliation is not required to adopt from the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility. Visit www.petfinder.com for adoptable pet profiles.

The Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, at 510 Organ Ave., is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to noon the second Saturday of the month; and by appointment for pre-approved adopters. Call 913-335-0788 for an appointment or more information.

Volunteers are needed to help cover pet care shifts, walk dogs, clean kennels and more. Foster homes for adoptable pets are also needed.



To apply to volunteer with the Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, visit <https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/>, enter ZIP code 66027, then search for “stray animal facility.”

Photos by Miriam Raymond/Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility



U.S. Army Year in Review

Part 3: Army transforming at pace of change

2025 IN REVIEW COMMENTARY

by Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Nofziger

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army has consistently transformed to meet the needs of its people, equipment, tactics and strategy over the past 250 years. The year 2025 was no different. Army senior leaders demonstrated that no challenge is too great to overcome if new ways of thinking are applied to find solutions. The Army addressed quality-of-life concerns integral to soldier morale, identified “out-of-the-box” methods to meet evolving requirements and implemented advanced systems to gain a competitive edge over our adversaries.

Soldier improvements

Soldiers need purpose, direction and motivation. Secretary of the Army Daniel Driscoll has swiftly implemented guidance to the force to be more agile and transform rapidly; thus, the Transformation and Training Command was established in October. Acting as the senior command to Recruiting Command, Combined Arms Command and the Futures and Concepts Command, T2COM enhances the Army by unifying recruitment, training and combat development under one organization.

Morale can go a long way in changing the way soldiers react on the battlefield; little motivates soldiers more than good, healthy food. The Army Materiel Command awarded a contract to a concessions group in August to create new campus-style dining venues at the five major installations responsible for most Army contingency operations. Enhancing the soldier experience will result in better preparation and motivation on the battlefield.

When soldiers return home to rest and recuperate, the Army is modernizing facilities. Fort Irwin, California, is home to one of the most austere and challenging training environments in the nation, which has often resulted in decreased soldier readiness due in large part to lower-quality housing. The U.S. Army, alongside the Michaels Organization, broke ground on state-of-the-art privatized apartment buildings in September, aiming for a completion date of April 2028.

Transforming systems

Army senior leaders announced in May the creation of the Army Transformation Initia-

tive, a major step forward for the Army. ATI focuses on prioritizing initiatives and systems that contribute to lethality and empowering leaders, while streamlining the processes that hinder progress. The initiative has already ceased procurement of outdated systems, shifting toward highly-mobile combat gear, and revitalized training opportunities, including partnerships with the Army Reserve.

Augmenting this strategy, Secretary of the Army Daniel Driscoll announced the Army’s flagship innovation engine named FUZE. This platform integrates four programs aimed at accelerating advanced capabilities, strengthening industry and increasing the relevance of Army systems and processes. FUZE will now operate as the engine to take innovative ideas from concept to combat-ready.

This year led to major reforms in the Army Acquisition Program. Legacy complicated processes for recognizing deficiencies and implementing improvements have been streamlined into consolidated Portfolio Acquisition Executives. These PAEs will now oversee development and procurement for six critical Army functions: fires; maneuver ground; maneuver air; command and control and counter command and control; agile sustainment and ammo; and layered protection and CBRND (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense). They will report directly to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

Command and control has always been the bedrock of Army operations. How do soldiers know, at any level, which orders to follow and how to execute them in any environment? Project Convergence advanced the Army’s Next Generation Command and Control capabilities in March at Fort Irwin, where soldiers from historic units came together to experiment with advanced technologies, cutting time between orders given and mission execution.

This work was further advanced by the 4th Infantry Division’s Ivy Sting exercise, with multiple iterations through 2025. Using lessons learned from Project Convergence Capstone 5, 4ID drastically eliminated lag time in combat-simulated operations. Feedback from this large-scale



U.S. Army photo by Austin Thomas

Transformation and Training Command Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Harris and T2COM Commanding General Gen. David M. Hodne unfurl the T2COM colors during an activation ceremony Oct. 2, 2025, in Austin, Texas. Hodne was promoted to the rank of four-star general prior to his assumption of command of T2COM. Training and Doctrine Command’s colors were cased during an inactivation ceremony Sept. 26, 2025, at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

combat operations exercise is being incorporated into the culminating event of Project Convergence Capstone 6 next summer, which will drive more advanced battlefield technology and systems, increasing lethality across global operations.

Equipping the modern soldier

Transforming systems and processes has already led to advances in equipment and ready-to-use combat power. Transformation in Contact 2.0 takes the lessons learned from the first phase of TiC and implements even more advanced testing and experimentation on the battlefield. TiC encourages unit leaders to assess the most cost-effective and easily implemented equipment based on feedback provided at the lowest level —the soldiers using it daily. Leaders can then make recommendations and either purchase commercially off the shelf, through contracted official channels, or to craft prototype gear capable of achieving desired effects.

TiC 2.0 has already led to on-ground creation of new counter-Unmanned Aerial System technology. Project Flytrap 4.0, a multi-national exercise tested new c-UAS capabilities across allied forces in Europe in July. Results from this exercise are informing how joint forces operate simultaneously to achieve swift effects against adversary capabilities.

In conjunction with Project Flytrap’s lessons learned, and under direction from Secretary of

War Pete Hegseth, the Joint Inter-agency Task Force 401 was created earlier this year. JIATF 401 is the Department of War’s lead agency for all things c-UAS, rapidly delivering joint capabilities to defend the homeland, protect U.S. and allied forces, defend critical infrastructure and assist federal agencies. Through several interagency symposiums, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Matt Ross, JIATF 401 Director, has led the initiative to increase effectiveness and efficiency of all c-UAS operations.

Army Materiel Command made strong contributions to the UAS effort, as they launched the pilot program SkyFoundry to quickly develop UAS solutions for Army units. The initiative integrates military and civilian-produced technology, and rapidly develops, tests and produces small drones using innovative manufacturing methods.

The Army also continued to focus on strengthening traditional weapons production, completing major efforts toward realizing its 15-year Organic Industrial Base modernization plan. More than \$100 million has been invested, including completion of a new multi-purpose load facility at the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in Oklahoma, which has already increased production capacity by 400 percent for Army munitions. Several additional munitions plants and vehicle repair facilities have opened, ensuring weapons and transportation will no longer be subject to endless wait times for contracted re-

pairs.

Looking to the sky, the Army announced the designation of the MV-75 as the mission design series for its Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft in May. The FLRAA is a rotorcraft designed to fly farther, faster and with more advanced technology and accuracy on target than ever before. Integrating lessons learned from TiC, NGC2 and OIB advancements, the FLRAA is destined to become the gold standard in speed, range and survivability in contested environments.

Finally, in order to deliver secure, resilient and reliable energy in support of national defense installations and critical missions, the Army has embraced the next generation of nuclear power, announcing nine installation sites being considered for future microreactor power plants. From Alaska to Alabama, the possible sites of these Janus Program microreactors were chosen to align with the Department of War’s goal of accelerating the pace of deploying on-site nuclear generation nationwide, according to W. Jordan Gillis, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment.

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Scholarships for Military Children applications due Feb. 11

by Mike Perron, DeCA public affairs specialist

FORT LEE, Virginia – Fisher House Foundation’s Scholarships for Military Children program is accepting applications for the 2026–2027 academic year, now through Feb. 11.

The program, entering its 26th year, recognizes the contributions of military families to the readiness of America’s fighting force and celebrates the commissary’s role in enhancing military quality of life.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping service members, veterans and their families, administers the program. The program has awarded \$25,126,000 in scholarships over the last 25 years, with recipients selected from a pool of more than 128,550 applicants.

“As we begin our 26th year of working with Fisher House Foundation to support the Scholarships for Military Children program, it truly remains an honor to us at the Defense Commissary Agency to work with a foundation so dedicated to the military community and families,” said Todd Heasley, DeCA’s scholarships program liaison. “The positive impact of these scholarships on so many families over the years cannot be overstated.”

“Each scholarship does more than ease the cost of education, it reinforces our belief in the incredible promise these students carry,” said Marshall Banks, director of community relations at Fisher House Foundation. “We urge all eligible students

to apply and embrace this chance to move confidently toward their goals.”

For the 2026–2027 academic year, 500 scholarships valued at \$2,000 each will be awarded. **At least one recipient will be selected at each commissary location where qualified applications are received.** Additional awards are allocated on a prorated basis, meaning commissaries with larger applicant pools can have more than one recipient. The selection process begins immediately following the deadline.

Who can apply?

The Scholarships for Military Children program is open to unmarried military dependent children under the age of 23 who possess a valid Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. They must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor’s degree or a community/junior college designed to allow for a direct transfer into a four-year program.

In addition, a student’s parent(s) or sponsor(s) must be one of the following: active duty; reserve/guard; or deceased or retired from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force. Applicants or sponsors do not need to live at an installation with a commissary — simply select the commissary where you shop or the one nearest to you.

How to apply

The Scholarships for Military Children Program requires that the student complete the application themselves and attest to that when submitting it. Applicants must per-

form the following steps:

- Create an account through <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/> that you can return to later.
- Complete all tabs of the form — a green checkmark indicates completion.
- Write a short, 500-word essay — the essay topic is available to applicants at <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/>.
- Submit transcripts.

High school applicants: transcript indicating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale (unweighted). Current college applicants: transcript indicating a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale (unweighted).

• Validate your eligibility as a military dependent by entering the benefits number found on the reverse of the Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. If you qualify for an ID card but do not have one, you should immediately schedule a visit to a military personnel office and bring proper documentation.

Applicants who are awarded a full scholarship to attend a college or university or who receive an appointment to one of the service academies or affiliated preparatory schools are not eligible to receive funds from this program. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other expenses.

All rules and requirements for the

Scholarships for Military Children program, as well as links to frequently asked questions are available at militaryscholar.org.

“I’ve seen firsthand how these opportunities transform lives, and I strongly encourage every eligible military family to apply,” said Navy Command Master Chief Mario Rivers, senior enlisted adviser to the DeCA director. “This program truly embodies our dedication to supporting service members beyond their active duty — it’s an investment in the next generation of leaders.”

Fisher House Foundation also has a free, easy-to-use custom scholarship search engine tailored to military families called “Scholarships for Service,” available at militaryscholar.org.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is managed by Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit organization. If students have questions about the scholarship program application, they should call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or e-mail them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

No government funds are used to support the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to fund the program. For the 22nd consecutive year, Charity Navigator has awarded Fisher House Foundation four out of four stars and rated the foundation with a perfect score of 100 points.

CGSC Foundation scholarship applications due March 15

by CGSC Foundation News Release

The Command and General Staff College Foundation announces the start of its 2026 competitive scholarship program for spouses, children or grandchildren of U.S. Army Command and General Staff College alumni and others who are life members of the CGSC Foundation’s Alumni Association.

“This is the sixth year of our scholarship program,” said CGSC Foundation President/CEO Lora Morgan, “and we’re proud to say the program has grown every year. Our military families make countless sacrifices in service to our country, and this program allows us to provide them with help to pursue their educational dreams.”



The CGSC Foundation’s scholarship program is open to high school seniors who will begin their college studies in 2026 and for undergraduate college students returning to school. Applicants must be immediate family members (children, grandchildren and spouses) of a life member of the CGSC Foundation’s Alumni Association.

The 2026 CGSC Foundation scholarship awards

include seven cash scholarships: one \$5,000 (the Colonel Stephen E. “Brownie” Brown Scholarship), one \$1,000, one \$750, and one \$500 to students who are beginning their college education; and one \$1,000, one \$750, and one \$500 scholarship to students who are continuing their college education.

The Colonel Stephen E. “Brownie” Brown Scholarship is named in honor of a

U.S. Marine officer who retired from active duty in February 2009 and became an instructor at CGSC in 2010. Due to medical complications from Spinocerebellar Ataxia (SCA), Brown retired from teaching at CGSC. In 2022, his network of lifelong friends approached the CGSC Foundation to establish the scholarship in Brown’s name to honor his lifetime of service and their friend-

ship. Brown passed away in 2025.

The application window for the 2026 Scholarship competition opened Jan. 5, 2026. The application is available on the CGSC Foundation website at www.cgscfoundation.org/scholarships. A link to join the alumni association as a life member is also on the page for those who need to join before their relatives apply.

The deadline for applications is midnight March 15, 2026. Judging will occur March 16-31, and the CGSC Foundation will announce winners in April.

The CGSC Foundation also welcomes donors who may not have eligible relatives but wish to support the scholarship program. To support, visit www.cgscfoundation.org/donate.

Applications being accepted for welding scholarships through March 1

by American Welding Society Press Release

MIAMI, Florida — From technical schools to degree programs, scholarships are available to support students entering one of the nation’s most in-demand careers.

The American Welding Society Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2026 scholarship season, with \$2.7 million available to support students pursuing welding and related fields across North America.

The deadline for AWS national, district and section scholarships is March 1, 2026.

In 2025, the AWS Foundation awarded scholarships to more than 1,500 students, providing support ranging from \$1,000 to more than \$8,000. Recipients attended 430 institutions across the United States and internationally.

AWS scholarships are available for all levels of welding education — from short-term technical programs to associate and bachelor’s degrees. In 2025, 66 percent of scholarships went to students in technical schools, helping to address the growing demand for skilled welders in construction, manufacturing and other critical industries. Twenty percent of recipients were women, signifi-

cantly higher than the industry average of 7.9 percent.

“Investing in welding education is essential to building a skilled workforce for the industries of today and tomorrow,” said Monica Pfarr, executive director of the AWS Foundation. “Our donors and AWS members are committed to supporting students who will become the welders, fabricators and industry leaders of the future.”

Educators are encouraged to share this opportunity with students, and all prospective applicants are urged to apply at scholarship.aws.org before the March 1, 2026, deadline.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AT A GLANCE

■ Fort Leavenworth Thrift Shop **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS** are now available from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1025 Sheridan Drive. Applications are due by Feb. 24, 2026, and funds will be available in April. Call 913-651-6768 for more information.

■ Scholarship applications are available at the Army Education Center for the **JOHN W. POILLON SCHOLARSHIP**, which is open to high school seniors who are dependents of U.S. service members currently or within the past two years assigned to Fort Leavenworth or dependents of civilians employed at Fort Leavenworth. Application deadline is March 10, 2026. Visit the Army Education Center to apply or for more scholarship opportunities.

■ The **FORT LEAVENWORTH SPOUSES’ CLUB** is currently updating its community giving program and will soon be posting application procedures for scholarships and community grants at <https://fortleavenworthspousesclub.org/community-giving>.

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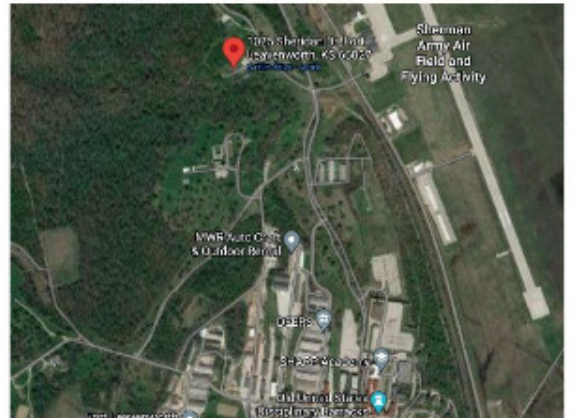
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Hours of Operation
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1st Saturday
from **9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS**,
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SKIES Art & Illustration classes focus on improving drawing techniques, developing original characters and helping to curate individual style.

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Patch Community Center
320 Pope Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Ages 6 - 9
4:15 - 5:15
Ages 10 - 17.99
5:30 - 6:30

\$12 a lesson, at least three lessons per monthly project. Stand-alone classes are also available. Bring your favorite pencil! The rest of the supplies will be provided. Must be currently registered with CVS to enroll. For more information call 913-684-3207

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Do you feel like you're NOT seeing the full picture?

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small, hyperbole, metaphors...

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Get help that makes sense with the **HYC Homework Lab!**

HYC Homework Lab*
M - F
After school from
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Presentations start at 1545 in Eisenhower Auditorium & on CGSC Facebook

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All IMS Attend//Presenting IMS' Section expected to attend//All Staff Groups Highly Encouraged to Attend//Post Presentation Culinary Sampling Offered to all who attend in Arter Atrium

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New Parent Support Prenatal Classes 2026

600 Thomas Ave
Room 125
All classes are from
5 pm - 7 pm

Childbirth Classes:
Series of three classes
Jan 5th, 12th, 26th
Mar 2nd, 9th, 16th
May 4th, 11th, 18th
July 13th, 20th, 27th
Sep 14th, 21st, 28th
Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th

Newborn Care Classes:
Feb 2nd
April 13th
June 1st
August 3rd
October 5th
December 7th

Breastfeeding Classes:
February 9th
April 20th
June 8th
August 10th
October 19th
December 14th

Free for Expectant Parents!

Deadline for Registration is the Friday before the class. Pre-registration is required.
Contact 913-297-3212

RUN {for Christ} CLUB

THE BETTER RACE

Saturdays, 7am @ Frontier Chapel

Facebook: The Better Race

Contact: Amanda Vineyard or Sydney Carpenter for details

ANGER MANAGEMENT COURSE

Room 145 at the Resiliency Center
600 Thomas Ave
1:30pm - 3pm

WE CAN HELP.
Our 8 week Anger Management Course will teach you a new tool every week to stay cool and collected in even the most difficult of settings. Each week will have realistic scenarios, feedback, and opportunities to apply newly learned skills in a group setting.

Round 1
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26

Round 2
May 7, 14, 21, 28
June 4, 11, 18, 25

Round 3
August 6, 13, 20, 27
September 3, 10, 17, 24

Round 4
October 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19
December 3, 10, 17

FREE and open to all DOD ID card holders 18+
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Beat Cold and Flu on Fort Leavenworth This Season

- Practice Force Health Protection Daily**
Handwashing, cough etiquette, and regular cleaning of high touch surfaces. Encourage Soldiers and employees to stay home when sick. Support rest, hydration, and nutrition as part of readiness.
- Flu Shots Available Now!**
Visit Munson Wed. & Thurs. from 8-11:30 a.m. to receive a flu shot from Primary Care
- Recognize the Symptoms**
Fever, cough, sore throat, body aches? Munson Army Health Center and TRICARE Nurse Advice Line can help determine if you need to be seen or can manage symptoms from home.
- For Appointments**
Call 913 684-6250 weekdays from 7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. or use the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal 24/7 at <https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil> to schedule an appointment, or call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) to speak with a nurse.

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You can find the SHARP Resource Center at the corner of Kearny and McClellan Avenue, right next to the Post Parade Field.

Fort Leavenworth SHARP Resource Center
Building 197, 632 McClellan Ave "Root Hall"
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027
Contact the team at usarmy.leavenworth.cac.mbx.cac-sharp@army.mil

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STEP FORWARD: Prevent. Report. Advocate.
Current as of 23 September 2025

Fort Leavenworth 24/7 SHARP Hotline
913-683-1443
DoD Safe Help Line
877-955-5247

Sexual Harassment Complaint Options
Formal | Anonymous | Confidential | Request for Direct Intervention
Sexual Assault Reporting Options
Restricted | Unrestricted | CATCH-Only
Retaliation Reporting Options
Command | IG | SARC | DoD Safe Helpline | CMC/EO (DA Civ Only)

Installation Model Support

Who Can Get Support?
Service Members, DA Civilians, and Military Dependents (18+) can get support from any Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC) or Victim Advocate (VA).

How to Get Support

- During Duty Hours: Contact a SARC or VA using their listed number.
- Anytime (24/7): Call the Fort Leavenworth SHARP Hotline to speak with an on-call Victim Advocate. If you wish to make a report, you can then make a report with the on-call or request a specific SHARP professional for the next duty day.

Veterans
Crisis Line

DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

Starting October 13th, 2025

Fort Leavenworth Group Fitness Classes

GRUBER FITNESS CENTER - 200 Reynolds Ave. - 684-5120
Mon-Fri: 0500-1800, Sat and Sun: 0800-1700

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0530			Spin (Karyn)				
0600		Vinyasa Yoga (Leslie)		Vinyasa Yoga (Leslie)			
0900							Yin Yoga (Brandie/Leslie)
0930	Zumba (Yimmarie)					Power Yoga (Kim)	
1200							
1630		Zumba (Yimmarie)	Power Cycling (Kim)	Yin Yoga (Brandie)			
1700	Power Yoga (Kim)						

HARNEY SPORTS COMPLEX - 185 Fourth St. - 684-2190
Mon-Fri: 0500-1800, Sat and Sun: 0800-1700

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0800						
1630		*Power Cut (Kim)		*Power Cut (Kim)		

*Power Cut classes are held in the Bubble Gym

Single Ticket For \$5.00

10 Tickets For \$45.00

20 Tickets For \$80.00

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ADULT CLASSES

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Kick your fitness into high gear!

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Offered from:

- 6pm - 7pm
- 7pm - 8pm

\$65 per month
\$10 for a single class

Gruber Fitness Center 200 Reynolds Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS
Call for more information: 214-205-4954

Open to eligible DOD ID card holders. Must be 18+ and have 24/7 access prior to taking first class.

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Looking for a new and unique range experience? Introducing Astro Clays! Shoot under the stars! Special UV black lights turn the clays into glowing targets that are fun for every skill level!

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Jan 17 at 1800
Feb 28 at 1830
Mar 21 at 2000
Apr 11 at 2000
Sep 26 at 2000
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Dec 19 at 1800

Brunner Range
701 Sheridan Dr
Ft. Leavenworth, KS
Call for more info: 913-651-8132
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EFMP & Waiting Families Presents

ZUMBA

Get ready to Move! Get ready to Groove!

Every second Tuesday
9am - 10am
Gruber Fitness Center
200 Reynolds Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

Get wrapped up in the music and let's get moving and grooving! Zumba is energetic, fun, and a de-stressor all in one! Designed for all fitness levels this FREE class is open to anyone 18+. Registration is required for attendance. Call 520-692-6363 or 913-684-2800

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A new resource just for you!

EFMP Lending Library

We're open M - F
7:30am - 4pm

Room 155E
The Resiliency Center, Bldg 198
600 Thomas Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

The Lending Library is a free resource room designed for Families enrolled in EFMP. It's stocked with sensory items, EFMP appropriate games, art supplies, and safety items for all ages! Families can borrow items for up to 30 days. Appointments are required, drop-ins are on a case-to-case basis. Call for more information: 520-692-6363 / 913-684-3838

January - February Workshops

Watercolor

\$30 per workshop

Watercolor (Basic Techniques)
Tuesday, Jan 3
1pm - 3pm

Watercolor (Color Theory)
Tuesday, Feb 10
1pm - 3pm

Watercolor (Florals)
Tuesday, Feb 24
1pm - 3pm

Calligraphy

\$20 per workshop

Modern Calligraphy (Basic Techniques)
Thursday, Jan 15
9:30am - 11am

Modern Calligraphy (Intermediate)
Thursday, Jan 22
9:30am - 11am

Modern Calligraphy (Valentine Cards)
Thursday, Feb 5
9:30am - 11am

Ft. Leavenworth Arts & Crafts Studio

Paint & Sip

\$35
Must be 21 years or older.
BYOB

Northern Lights Friday
January 9
6pm - 8pm

Couples Constellations
Friday, February 13
6pm - 8pm

Pottery Studio

\$40 per class

Wheel Throwing (Basics)
Wednesday, Jan 7
12:30pm - 3pm
Tuesday, Jan 13
6pm - 8:30pm
Saturday, Jan 24
10am - 12:30pm
Tuesday, Feb 3
6pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday, Feb 11
9am - 11:30am
Friday, Feb 27
12:30pm - 3pm

Wheel Throwing (Mugs)
Friday, Jan 16
12:30pm - 3pm
Tuesday, Feb 24
6pm - 8:30pm

(Soup Bowls)
Tuesday, Jan 27
9am - 11:30am
Tuesday, Feb 17
6pm - 8:30pm

Hand Building (Valentine Plate)
Tuesday, Jan 20
1pm - 3pm
(Mugs)
Tuesday, Feb 17
9am - 11am

Wheel Throwing (Dinner Plates)
Tuesday, Jan 20
6pm - 8:30pm

310 McPherson (the old DB) Ft. Leavenworth, KS

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- MHS Genesis Login

January - February Workshops

Framing

\$40 per class

Intro to Framing

Friday, Jan 9
Saturday, Jan 24
10am - 2pm

Friday, Feb 13
Saturday, Feb 28
10am - 2pm

scan for more info

Crafts

\$25 per class

Valentine Lanterns Stained Glass Effect
Wednesday, Jan 14
1pm - 3pm
Friday, Jan 23
9am - 11am

Scrapbook Valentine Cards
Wednesday, Feb 4
9am - 11am

Macrame Towel Holder
Friday, Feb 20
9am - 11am
Wednesday, Feb 25
1pm - 3pm

Ft. Leavenworth Arts & Crafts Studio

OPEN STUDIO
Ask about our Hourly Fees

Multi-Craft Studio
Great for the whole family with supplies for any craft, personalized gift, or project you have in mind!

Painting Studio
Provided watercolor and acrylic supplies to create your own masterpiece.

Framing Studio
Assemble your own custom frames in our DIY Studio! Must take Intro to Framing before using DIY Studio.

Pottery/Ceramic Studio
We have all of the supplies you need for hand building and wheel throwing. We also offer a variety of customizable bisque pieces ready for you to glaze!

Kids Classes

Messy Art

\$12 per class (ages 7+)

Thursdays Jan 15, 29
11am - 12pm

Thursdays Feb 12, 26
11am - 12pm

NEW! Pottery

\$20 per class (ages 7+)

Kids - Hand Building
Friday, Jan 20
2pm - 3pm

Color Me Happy

\$10 per class
Parent & Toddlers

Thursdays Jan 8, 22
10am - 11am

Thursdays Feb 5, 19
10am - 11am

Art History

\$20 per class (ages 7+)

Pretzels & Pottery
Wednesday, Jan 21
1pm - 3pm

Oreos & O'Keeffe
Wednesday, Feb 18
1pm - 3pm

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HUNGRY?

Fort Leavenworth MWR has AMAZING food options!

- Solarium Buffet
- 12th Brick Grille
- Strike Zone Snack Bar
- Java Cafe
- FCC BBQ

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MUNSON NOTES

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■ Munson Army Health Center will **CLOSE AT NOON JAN. 14** for staff training. After hours and on federal holidays, beneficiaries can call the **MHS NURSE ADVICE LINE** at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273). Nursing staff who support the NAL phone lines can assist beneficiaries with non-life-threatening medical concerns and provide further guidance. Beneficiaries experiencing a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**, such as severe shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, should call 911.

■ TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select beneficiaries ages 13-64 experiencing recurring **HAND, WRIST AND ELBOW PAIN** may find relief through occupational therapy services available at Munson Army Health Center. No referral required. Call the appointment line at 913-684-6250 to schedule a consultation.

■ The **MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER PATIENT AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL** meets quarterly at MAHC. The PFPC captures voices and insights of patients and families to improve the patient care experience. The council is composed of volunteers who represent the interests of patients who receive care from MAHC. Volunteers can be active-duty, active-duty family member, retirees or retiree family members. Call 913-684-6211 or e-mail usarmy.leavenworth.medcom-mahc.mbx.patient-advocate@health.mil if interested in participating.

■ It is important that military families new to the Fort Leavenworth community **ESTABLISH A NEW PRIMARY CARE MANAGER** for their health care needs. Munson Army Health Center offers a wide range of primary care providers to choose from for personalized care at a convenient on-post location. Once your new address is established in DEERS, call 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) and follow the prompts to establish a primary care manager at MAHC. Learn more about services at munson.tricare.mil.

■ Service members, retirees, family members and Department of Defense federal employees on Fort Leavenworth are **ELIGIBLE TO USE THE ARMED FORCES WELLNESS CENTER FOR FREE**. This includes physical fitness testing, body composition analysis, stress management, improving sleep habits and individual health coaching. You set the goals; the AFWC staff puts you on the path to achieving them. Programs are individualized to address your current needs, motivation and confidence level. Visit the Fort Leavenworth AFWC in Eisenhower Hall or call 913-758-3403 to schedule an appointment. The health educators are also available to go mobile, taking their class to units or organizations on post and family readiness groups. To learn more about AFWC services visit <https://dvidshub.net/r/8wttlf>.

■ The **NUTRITION CARE DIVISION** offers a broad range of nutritional services designed for service members, families, and retirees. Individual Nutrition Therapy and Group Nutrition Therapy are available, and include the Body Composition Program, Weight Control Program, Prenatal Nutrition and Wellness for Life. Call the appointment line at 913-684-6250 to schedule an appointment with MAHC's registered dietitian.

■ **MEDICAL APPOINTMENT CHECK-IN:** Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment to complete any required paperwork and bring the following items: DoD ID card; list of current medications including over-the-counter meds, vitamins, and supplements; any relevant paperwork or forms; and a list of questions or concerns. If you are not able to make your scheduled appointment, call the appointment line at (913) 684-6250 to cancel.

■ Munson Army Health Center Pharmacy offers patients a variety of **OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AT NO COST** to service members, retirees and family members.

MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER STAFF TRAINING DAY



THE HEALTH CENTER WILL CLOSE AT NOON



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WIPE-OUT GERMS

Prevent outbreaks before they start.
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MUNSON ARMY HEALTH CENTER

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