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From Sun to Sweater: Fall is on its Way

As summer begins to mellow into the crisp embrace of fall, JBLM transforms into a vibrant hub of seasonal charm and community connection. The transition isn't just about changing leaves—it's about new opportunities to explore, engage, and enjoy everything the JBLM Garrison has to offer.

September ushers in cooler mornings and the return of cozy layers, but the energy on base remains electric. Outdoor enthusiasts can take advantage of the scenic trails soon to be framed in fiery foliage. MWR's Outdoor Recreation continues to offer guided hikes, bike rentals, and weekend adventures perfect for soaking in the autumn air.

Families will find no shortage of fall-themed events—from pumpkin patches and harvest festivals JBLM offers ample events and opportunities that bring the community together in spirited style. The JBLM Exchanges and Commissaries roll out seasonal specials, making it easy to stock up on comfort foods and festive decor.

For those seeking personal growth, fall is a great time to dive into new classes at the Stone Education Center or explore career resources through the Family and MWR Employment Readiness Program. And let's not forget the cozy vibes at the libraries and The Warrior Zone, where you can unwind with a good book or catch the latest game.

Whether you're new to JBLM or a longtime resident, this season invites you to slow down, savor the moment, and discover the warmth of community—no matter the temperature.

Safety First: Navigating the Shift from Summer to Fall at JBLM

Equally as important as summer winds down and fall begins to take hold at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, it's important to stay alert to seasonal changes that can impact safety. Cooler temperatures, shorter daylight hours, and unpredictable weather patterns bring new challenges—especially for families on the move. Wet leaves and early morning fog can make roads slick, so drivers should check tire pressure, headlights, and windshield wipers to ensure vehicles are fall-ready.

Outdoor enthusiasts should dress in layers and wear reflective gear during early morning or evening activities. Whether you're biking around base or hiking local trails, visibility and warmth are key.

Inside the home, it's a great time to inspect heating systems, test smoke detectors, and review emergency plans with the family.

By taking a few proactive steps, the transition from summer to fall can be smooth, safe, and enjoyable. Let's embrace the season with care and keep our community thriving—no matter the weather.

Check out: the Army's and Air Force's Safety pages at <https://safety.army.mil/> and <https://www.safety.af.mil/> for more great information!

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Directorate of Human Resources (DHR)

Military Personnel Division Closure (MPD) 12-Sep-2025

Please be advised that the Military Personnel Division (MPD) at Waller Hall will be closed on 12 September 2025. Kindly disseminate this information to all S1 POCs and Unit leadership.

- ID Cards and SRP operations will remain open.
- All other MPD services will be unavailable.
- Emergency cases will be addressed as needed.
- Out-processing will be completed prior to the closure date, and appointments for that day will be cleared accordingly.



If you have any questions or require further clarification, feel free to reach out.



Directorate of Human Resources Military Personnel Division

12 September 2025

Will have limited Services

**-Full Services-
ID Cards / DEER
SRP (Specialized Deployments)**

All Other Services Closed



"Whether you're arriving, advancing, or transitioning—JBLM's Directorate of Human Resources is your compass for every step of the journey"

The Madigan Resource Fair is an outreach event hosted by Madigan Army Medical Center to connect Soldiers, families, retirees and civilian staff with a wide range of on and off post colleges and community resources. The fair brings together representatives from medical services, education programs, wellness initiatives, and support agencies to provide information, answer questions, and offer on-the-spot assistance.

LEVEL UP COLLEGE & RESOURCE FAIR



**OCTOBER
23RD, 2025
1000-1400**



**OVER 20 COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES**

Location: Ground Floor Medical Mall

9040A Jackson Ave
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA 98431





JBLM ASAP's 4th Annual Fill the Ruck!

- Last year over **2,800 SM's** and 11 prevention agencies participated
- This year's location is at **Solo Point**
- **Counts** towards Annual Suicide Prevention for FY25
- **Fields of Friendly Strife** points will be available to units that sign up
- Creates a **platform for open discussions** about mental health, reducing stigma, and encouraging individuals to seek help when needed.
- Proactive approach to **enhancing both unit cohesion and personal readiness**, essential elements in any organization.

One conversation can change everything...

Will YOU ruck with us?



Build:
Team Cohesion
Esprit d 'Corps
Mental Resiliency

Fill the Ruck 4.1 miles



- Bring your weighted ruck / backpack
(with gear or donation for Santa's Castle and/or local foodbanks)

- Civilian or PT attire recommended

- Companies sign up from 0630 - 1400

- Contact ASAP office @
usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-asap@army.mil



SCAN to email



12 SEP 25

ROUTE: SOLO POINT

STARTING @ RANGE 105

PARKING @ RANGE 106 - 117

*Event counts as annual Suicide Prevention training





Hiring Our Heroes

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Career Summit

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025	SEPTEMBER 18, 2025	SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
Networking Reception: 5 - 7 PM PT	Job Seeker Programming: 9 AM - 12:30 PM PT	Hiring Fair: 1:30 - 4:30 PM PT
American Lake Conference Center 8085 Noo Beach Rd JBLM, WA 98438	Carey Theater Liggett Ave I Bldg 2163 JBLM, WA 98433	Hangar 9 McChord Field JBLM, WA 98499

What to Expect

- ✓ Free career fair & networking opportunities
- ✓ Meet with military-ready companies actively hiring locally & nationwide
- ✓ Get insider tips from hiring managers & recruiters
- ✓ Careers in Cyber/IT, Healthcare/Medical, and Project Management

You'll Learn About

- ✓ SkillBridge programs
- ✓ Fellowships & internships
- ✓ Upskilling & reskilling programs
- ✓ Military spouse professional development & hiring programs
- ✓ LinkedIn for veterans & military spouses

100+
expected
employers

180k+
open
positions

The DoD and Service Branches do not endorse any company, sponsor or their products or services.



Scan to register

Register now to connect with military-ready employers

For more than a decade, Hiring Our Heroes has helped hundreds of thousands of transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses find meaningful employment through our comprehensive training and hiring events, fellowship programs, and online tools.

HiringOurHeroes.org/jblm

@HiringOurHeroes   

September 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 	2 Job Fair Preparation (WS) 3pm V	3 Course of Action to USA Jobs (ERP) 9-12 IP SFAC Job Search Strategies (WS) 9am V Hawk Hiring Fair 11-1 IP	4 Stand Out on Linked In (USO) 8am V M2M CAMPS Orientation 9-12 IP	5
8 Career Skills Brief (CSP) 11am-12pm: Hawk Auditorium IP Effective Resumes (WS) 11am V	9 FBI Job Information (USO) 8am V Getting Hired in WA State 9am IP	10 Mastering Linked In (USO) 4pm V Hawk Hiring Fair 11-1 IP	11	12
15 Career Skills Brief (CSP) 11am-12pm: Hawk Auditorium IP Job Search Strategies (WS) 11am V	16 Tailoring your Resume (USO) 8am V	17 	18	19
22 Career Skills Brief (CSP) 11am-12pm: Hawk Auditorium IP	23 "Unspoken Career Truths" w/ Northrop Grumman (USO) 8am V	24 Hawk Hiring Fair 11-1 IP	25 VA Claims: Path to Care (WDVA) 0830 (E7-O6) IP HCC Navigating USA Jobs & The Federal Resume (NAVFAC) 9-11 McChord VA Claims: Path to Care (WDVA) 1300 (E1-E6) IP HCC Linked In as a Job Search Tool (WS) 1pm V	26
29 Career Skills Brief (CSP) 11am-12pm: Hawk Auditorium IP	30 TSA Career Information (USO) 8am V Eastern Region Virtual Career Fair (RM) 8am-12pm V	The Hawk Calendar is subject to change. V = Virtual, IP = In-Person Digital copies of this calendar include direct links; please see page 2 for POCs if more info is needed.		

Career Skills Brief (CSP): If you are unable to attend an in-person Monday CSP Brief please email: usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-tap-outreach@army.mil (provide ETS and training of interest)

**** Please see page 2 for Program Contact Information to Register for Starred Events****



Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC)

JBLM Community,

Madigan Gate (I-5 exit 122A) is currently planned to be CLOSED from the beginning of October 2025 to mid-January 2026. The Logistics Gate (I-5 exit 122B) will transition to 24-hour operations during this period. The Madigan gate is being closed for construction and to make improvements to the access control point. We encourage our valued patients to please plan their commutes accordingly during the gate closure and anticipate the potential for increased traffic at other gates. #Carewithcompassion!

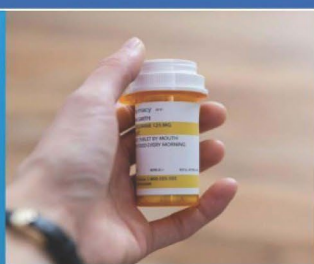
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AUTOMATIC REFILLS

Skip the trip to the pharmacy



**Enjoy worry-free home delivery.
Start automatic refills and receive your
medication before you run out.**



EXPRESS SCRIPTS

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or visit <https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com/home-delivery>
for more details and to register!



NEW

SCRIPTCENTER HAS MOVED!

Now located inside the **Lewis Main Exchange Pharmacy Lobby**



Due to popular demand, we've upgraded to a larger-capacity ScriptCenter to hold more prescriptions and reduce wait times.

 Find the new ScriptCenter at the **Lewis Exchange Pharmacy Lobby**

 **ScriptCenter Hours:**
Mon-Fri 8AM-9:30PM Sat, Sun 9AM-9:30PM

Ask a pharmacy team member if you need assistance or call Pharmacy Call Center at 253-968-2586 during normal business hours: Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM



MHS Genesis Patient Portal

Visit website:
<https://my.MHSgenesis.health.mil>

or Send Message to:
**JBLM Madigan Main
Outpatient Pharmacy**



Hours of Operation:
Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM



Refill Phone Line

253-893-8804

- Option 1** Lewis Exchange ScriptCenter
- Option 2** Lewis Exchange Pharmacy Lobby
- Option 3** Puyallup Pharmacy
- Option 4** South Sound Pharmacy
- Option 5** McChord Pharmacy

To request alternative pick-up location, Call Pharmacy Call Center at 253-968-2586, select OPTION 6 and speak to pharmacy staff during normal business hours:
Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM.

Last Updated 7/28/2025



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ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

**Scheduled
Virtual Visits**

Scheduled Virtual Visits

DHA's New Video Appointment Platform



Scheduled Virtual Visits is changing how patients interact with care teams by allowing them the option to meet with their health care team through a video appointment.

Why a video appointment?

- No driving
- No gates and no lines
- Less time away from family and work



GETTING STARTED:

- Access sessions quickly and easily through any internet-connected smartphone, laptop or computer
- Receive appointment link through email and text message

For instructions on joining a video visit please scan the QR code below



Need to Reschedule an Appointment?

Sun	Mon	Tue
1	2	3
8	9 <i>Doctor Appointment</i>	10
15	16	17

APPOINTMENT REMINDER

DATE:

TIME:

Did you know that each missed appointment (no-show) takes up two additional appointment slots? This keeps another service member, family member or Retiree from using that appointment slot for medical care.

No-shows can disrupt patient care schedules, stretch staff resources thin, and cause access issues or delays for other patients.

We understand that life can be unpredictable. If you need any help rescheduling or canceling future appointments, please call Pacific Integrated Referral Management and Appointing Center (PIRMAC) at **1-800-404-4506** for assistance.

We truly appreciate your cooperation and support as we work to provide all of Madigan's patients efficient and high-quality medical care.



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ARMY MEDICAL CENTER



Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR)

***"MWR at JBLM:
The heartbeat of
connection,
wellness, and
adventure.
Empowering
every member of
our community
to thrive—
together."***

At Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is more than just a support system—it's the pulse of the community. Whether you're active duty, a family member, retiree, or civilian employee, MWR offers a vibrant array of programs designed to enrich lives, build connections, and make every day on base more fulfilling.

From world-class fitness centers and outdoor recreation adventures to child care services and cultural events, MWR ensures that the JBLM community has access to top-tier amenities. Want to kayak on American Lake, hike Mount Rainier, or join a group fitness class? MWR makes it happen. Looking for family-friendly entertainment? Dive into seasonal festivals, movie nights, and concerts that bring people together in celebration.

MWR also supports personal growth and resilience through educational workshops, career development resources, and wellness initiatives. Their libraries, arts and crafts centers, and leisure travel services open doors to creativity and exploration.

What makes MWR truly exceptional is its commitment to fostering a sense of belonging. Every program is designed with the mission in mind: to uplift and empower the JBLM community. It's not just about recreation—it's about connection, support, and thriving together.

To discover all that MWR has to offer, visit jblmmwr.com and start exploring your next adventure.

General Information

- Find details on MWR programming and special events at [JBLM MWR \(armymwr.com\)](http://JBLM MWR (armymwr.com)).
- (Subject to cancellation; please stay tuned to [JBLM MWR - Home | Facebook](#) for the latest information.)*
- Information on closures and curtailments across MWR can be found [here](#).
- JBLM's [Weekly Welcome Lunch](#) takes place Mondays from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the American Lake Conference Center. If the event falls on a federal holiday or Date of No Scheduled Activity (DONSA), it will be held the next business day. Families are encouraged to attend.

Useful Links

MWR Calendar of Events	Sounders indoor playground	MWR libraries
CYS Registration	Bowl Arena Lanes	AFCS
Youth Sports & Fitness	Outdoor Rec/RV Storage & More	BOSS

From Cribs to Creativity: Child & Youth Services Property Sale

Saturday, Sept. 6, 8 a.m. to Noon

Are you a new parent looking for a great crib? A caregiver hoping to stock your home with high-quality toys that support cognitive development and create lasting childhood memories? Then you need to check out the [Child & Youth Services Property Sale](#). Browse a selection of new and used CYS items and grab the best deals.

Step In, Stand Out, Get Hired

Monday, Sept. 8, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring your resume and head to the [NAF Job Fair](#) at Eagle's Pride Golf Course. You'll find on-the-spot interviews, sign-on bonuses, and competitive benefits — all in one place. No base access is required, and NAF positions are not impacted by the hiring freeze. Your next opportunity at JBLM could be waiting for you!

A Climb to Remember

Sep 9 2025 - Sep 11 2025

Honor the heroes of 9/11 by taking part in the [JBLM Stair Climb Challenge](#). Patrons can sign up at any JBLM fitness center and complete 110 floors on the stair climber in remembrance of first responders. Your name and time will be posted on a banner at the facility, and participants who complete the challenge will earn a commemorative 9/11 "Never Forget" workout towel. The event is free to participate.

"Climb with purpose—110 floors for the 110 stories of courage on 9/11." Honor the fallen, challenge yourself, and carry their legacy one step at a time in the JBLM Stair Climb Challenge."

Go that Extra Mile!

Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m.

Get ready to hit the pavement, because the first [JBLM Half Marathon](#) in years is coming to Heritage Hill on McChord Field! [Register](#) for the half marathon (13.1 miles), or the additional 5K and 1K. Medals are included with your [registration](#) fee! Soar to new heights and overcome your limitations — it's time to take your performance to supersonic levels.

MWR is Wunderbar!

Saturday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Get ready to celebrate the season at MWR's annual [Oktoberfest!](#) From live entertainment and games to crafts and a bustling flea market, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Bring the family, grab some friends and make a day of it while enjoying all the autumnal fun JBLM has to offer. Admission is free, so don't miss out on this seasonal favorite!

Child and Fancy-Free

Saturday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Take a night off while the kids have a blast! [Parent's Night Out](#) is Saturday, Sept. 27, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. at McChord CDC. For \$40 per child, registered CYS participants can enjoy supervised fun while parents enjoy an evening to themselves. Spots are limited, so sign up by Sept. 19 to secure your child's spot.



Save the Date

- Sept. 6: [Child and Youth Services Property Sale](#)
- Sept. 8: [NAF Job Fair](#)
- Sept. 9-11: [JBLM Stair Climb Challenge](#)
- Sept. 20: [JBLM Half-Marathon & 5K/1K](#)
- Sept. 27: [Oktoberfest](#)
- Sept. 27: [Parent's Night Out](#)

Fitness Centers and Pools

Visit: <https://JBLM.armymwr.com/Categories/SFA> for locations, hours and 24/7 access information. MWR is always excited to welcome new lifeguard trainees to our team! For more information, see [here](#).

Warrior Zone Activities (WZ is open to DoD ID cardholders 18+)

- Trivia Wednesdays, 7–9 p.m. | Thursday pool tourney, 7 p.m. | Friday night fight games, 7 p.m.
- Scheduled UFC fights; No cover. More activities, location and hours: [Warrior Zone :: Joint Base Lewis-McChord :: US Army MWR](#)

Texas Roadhouse

Texas Roadhouse is open for dine-in and to-go service (no curbside) Monday–Thursday, 3 – 9 p.m., Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m.–9 p.m. TXRH is currently closed Sunday.



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SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS



Aug. 29: DONSA; Sept. 1: Labor Day—closed

Sept. 5	6-7 p.m.	Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot: Rise of the Redscapes	Warrior Zone
Sept. 5	3-5 p.m.	First Friday	McChord Club
Sept. 6	8 a.m.-noon	CYS Property Sale	Outback CYS Warehouse, 8587 American Lake Ave.
Sept. 6	9 a.m.	Photography 101	Northwest Adventure Center
Sept. 6	12:30 p.m.	Pickleball Tournament	Soldier's Field House
Sept. 6	2 p.m.	Madden 26 Tournament	Warrior Zone
Sept. 8	8 a.m.-2 p.m.	NAF Job Fair	Eagle's Pride Golf Course
Sept. 9	Noon/1:30 p.m.	CC Indoor Soccer League Coaches Meeting Registration Sept. 9-16	McChord Fitness Center/ Wilson Fitness Center Intramural Sports
Sept. 10	7 p.m.	TV Show Trivia Night	Warrior Zone
Sept. 11		JBLM 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Challenge	JBLM Fitness Centers
Sept. 12-14		Lifeguard Training	Kimbro Pool
Sept. 12	7-9 p.m.	Open Mic Night	Warrior Zone
Sept. 13	6:30 a.m.	Crabbing Trip	Northwest Adventure Center
Sept. 14	8:30 a.m.	Whale Watching	Northwest Adventure Center
Sept. 14	2 p.m.	Warhammer 40K Tournament	Warrior Zone
Sept. 19	Noon	CG Scramble	Eagle's Pride Golf Course
Sept. 19	6 p.m.	Beat Drop Bingo	Warrior Zone
Sept. 20	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	JBLM Half-Marathon & 5K/1K	McChord Field-Heritage Hill
Sept. 20	10:30 a.m.	Sporting Clay	JBLM Shotgun Shooting Complex
Sept. 20	2-4 p.m.	Texas Hold'em Tournament	Warrior Zone
Sept. 26	7-8 a.m.	Commander's Cup 2-Miler	MWR Fest Tent

JBLM Oktoberfest Saturday, Sept. 27 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. MWR Fest Tent



Sept. 27	11:45 a.m.	Owen Tide Pool	Northwest Adventure Center
Sept. 27	2-4 p.m.	Black Ops 6 2v2 Tournament	Warrior Zone
Sept. 27	4:30-9:30 p.m.	Parent's Night Out	Parent Central Services
Sept. 28	2 p.m.	Magic The Gathering Commander Tournament	Warrior Zone

Fitness Classes



AFCS Events & Info



Register for Outdoor Rec Trips



For more information on MWR activities and events, call 253-967-5200 or visit JBLMmwr.com

GREAT DEALS for Junior Enlisted



Exclusions and details at JBLMmwr.com



- Adulting 101 - Grandstaff Library
- Touch A Truck - Grandstaff Library
- Mindfulness Parenting Class - McChord Library
- Family Board Game Night - McChord Library



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		FALL/WINTER 2025 YOUTH SPORTS CALENDAR				
LEAGUE SPORTS	Enrollment Dates	Ages & Cost	Skills Assessment Ages 9-15	Practice Starts	First Game	Season Ends
Fall Flag Football	Aug. 11– Sept. 16	5–15; \$65	Sept. 19, 5–7 p.m.	Oct. 6	Oct. 18	Nov. 22
Fall FFB Cheerleading	Aug. 11– Sept. 16	5–15; \$65	None	Oct. 6	Oct. 18	Nov. 22
Fall Lil Dribblers—NO GAMES Practice once per week Tue. OR Wed. at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	3–4; \$30	None	Tues. Oct. 7 Wed. Oct. 8	NO GAMES	Tues. Nov. 4 Wed. Nov. 5
Fall Pom Poms—NO GAMES Practice once per week Tue. OR Wed. at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 1–Oct. 15	3–4; \$30	None	Wed. Oct. 8 Thurs. Oct. 9	NO GAMES	Wed. Nov. 4 Thurs. Nov. 6
Winter Basketball	Sept. 1–Nov. 16	5–15; \$65	Nov. 21, 5–7 p.m.	Dec. 8	Jan. 10	Feb. 14
Winter Cheerleading	Sept. 1–Nov. 16	5–15; \$65	None	Dec. 8	Jan. 10	Feb. 14
Special Olympics Basketball & Cheerleading	Sept. 1–Nov. 19	8–18; \$65	None	Dec. 2	TBD	Feb. 26
Spring Bumblebee Soccer	Nov. 17–Feb. 18	3–4; \$30	None	Mar. 2	Mar. 14	Apr. 25
Spring Soccer	Nov. 17–18 Feb	5–15; \$65	Feb. 20, 5–7 p.m.	Mar. 2	Mar. 14	Apr. 18
CAMPS & ACTIVITIES	Enrollment Dates	Ages & Cost	Dates	Time & Location		
The First Tee Golf	Aug. 11–Sept. 11	7–18; \$40	Tue, Sept. 23–Oct. 21	4:15–5:45 p.m. Eagle's Pride GC		
The First Tee Golf	Aug. 11–Sept. 11	7–18; \$40	Th, Sept. 25–Oct. 23	4:15–5:45 p.m. Whispering Pines GC		
Basketball Boot Camp	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	5–8; \$35 9–18; \$35	Saturday, Dec. 6	5–8yr, 9–11 a.m. 9–18yr, Noon–2:00 p.m. Gym, Bldg 2295		
Funky Fit Developmental Sports Camp	Nov. 1–Dec. 18	3–4; \$30	M, T, W, Dec. 22–24	10–11 a.m. Gym, S. 12 St. 2295		
Pickleball Camp	Nov. 1–Dec. 18	5–18; \$35	M, T, W, Dec. 22–24	Noon–1:30 p.m. Gym, S. 12 St. 2295		
Volleyball Camp	Nov. 1–Dec. 18	9–18; \$35	M, T, W, Dec. 29–31	9:30–11 a.m. Gym, S. 12 St. 2295		
Dodgeball & Kickball Camp	Nov. 1–Dec. 18	9–18; \$35	M, T, W, Dec. 29–31	Noon– 1:30 p.m. Gym, S. 12 St. 2295		
Classes	Sign Up	Ages & Cost	Dates & Time			
Gymnastics	1st–31st monthly	2–18; \$35–60	See online packages https://jblm.armymwrz.com			
Karate	1st–31st monthly	4–18; \$35–40	See online packages https://jblm.armymwrz.com			
Dance	Every 5 months	2–18; \$45	See online packages https://jblm.armymwrz.com			

Youth sports are rec leagues inclusive of all youth who want to have fun and learn the fundamentals. **Youth interested in participating must have a current sports physical to be placed on team roster and must be registered with Child & Youth Services to enroll.** To register with CYS, call 253-966-2977 for info.

Volunteer as a coach!
Sports fee vouchers available. Details:
253-967-2405

Sign up at [JBLMcysRegistration.com](https://jblm.armymwr.com)

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SUMMER CALENDAR

JULY

6: Jr. Explorer Hood Canal Wetlands	\$45
7: Titlow Tide Pool	\$50
8: Intro to Indoor Rock Climbing	\$40
9: Youth Climb Club (ages 6-16)	\$70
11-12: Mount Shuksan Climb	\$599
12: Photography 101	\$45
13: Gold Panning	\$65
13: Fire Lookout Hike	\$75
17: Multipitch Climbing Clinic	\$25
19: Whale Watching Tour	\$155
20: Ape Cave Tour	\$65
25-28: Glacier Peak Summit	\$899
26: Astrophotography	\$75

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1-3: Mount Baker Climb	\$699
2: Photography 101	\$45
3: Gold Panning	\$65
9: Whale Watching Tour	\$155
10-11: Sahale Peak Climb	\$499
13: Multipitch Climbing Clinic	\$25
16-17: Youth Watersport Camp age 9-16	\$105
20: Intro to Indoor Rock Climbing	\$40
22: Youth Outdoor Rock Climbing	\$40
24: Sunflower Festival	\$60
24: Fire Lookout Hike	\$75
31: Cape Flattery Hike	\$75
31: Jr. Explorers Club Haley's Lagoon	\$40

SEPT

1: Outdoor Rock Climbing	\$65
5-8: Paddle Camp North Cascades	\$399
6: Photography 101	\$45
6-7: Intro to Backpacking	\$225
13: Crabbing Trip	\$65
14: Fire Lookout Hike	\$75
14: Whale Watching Tour	\$155
16: Intro to Indoor Rock Climbing	\$40
19-22: Paddle Camp North Cascades	\$399
27: Ape Caves Tour	\$65
27: Owen Beach Tide Pooling	\$50
28: Fire Lookout Hike	\$75
28: Jr. Explorers Club	\$40







Fly Fishing Private Trips: \$250-\$1,100 | Private Climbing Trips: \$65-\$550 | Private Shuttle Trips: \$650
JBLMmwrRegistration.com | NW Adventure Center | 253-967-7744 | 8050 NCO Beach Rd., Lewis North

WE'RE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Monday, Sep. 8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Eagle's Pride Golf Course

Bring resume and transcripts or applicable certifications. On the spot interviews!
Please have an ID & SS card and professional references for a pre-employment screening if selected.

For more information call 253-967-5493 or visit: jblm.armymwr.com/employment

NAF Job Fair

FLEXIBLE ANYONE HOURS! CAN APPLY!

Many of our positions offer hiring incentives, retention bonuses and/or benefits!

BASE ACCESS NOT REQUIRED



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CYS employees get FREE childcare for their youngest child & 25% discount for each additional child!

First Friday

Socialize • Enjoy free light appetizers

Sept. 5 | Oct. 3 | Nov. 14* *Second Friday

700 Barnes Blvd. | 253-966-7466 | JBLMmwr  

First Friday of the month*
McChord Pub
3-5 p.m.



WARWICK STATE

JBLM OUTDOOR RECREATION ESPORTS

MADDEN 26 TOURNAMENT

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Free to play

PRIZES:
1st - \$100
2nd - \$50
3rd - \$25

Prizes will be in the form of MWR gift cards.



CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES PROPERTY SALE

Saturday, Sept. 6
8 a.m.- Noon

Get great deals on new & used CYS items!



- 70 new cribs
- 178 wood chairs
- 171 plastic chairs
- 69 wood shelves
- Play Center
- Tree House
- Dollhouse
- Tons of kids stuff!

Outback CYS Warehouse
8587 American Lake Ave.
Behind Lewis North SAC
8584 American Lake Ave.

Prices on all items will be \$5, \$10 or \$20.

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OPEN TO ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

COMMANDER'S CUP

FREE

McChord Fitness Center

INDOOR SOCCER

COACHES MEETING:
Tuesday, Sept. 9
Noon: McChord Fitness Center
1:30 p.m. Wilson Fitness Center

LEAGUE PLAY:
October 6–November 20

Register by phone, walk-in or email by Sept. 16.
520-942-6947 | 2170 Bitar Ave. Cowan Stadium | JBLMtramarals@army.mil

Earn a 9/11 NEVER FORGET workout towel when you complete the challenge!

FREE

Sept. 9–11

Sign up at any JBLM fitness center to complete 110 floors on the stair climber in remembrance of 9/11 First Responders.

Name and time will be posted on a banner located in the facility.
Patrons will be asked to verify steps with a picture after completing.

Sign up for a time slot by scanning the QR code!
Limited spaces available.

JBLM 9/11 STAIR CLIMB CHALLENGE

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

BEAT DROP BINGO!

BEAT THE ODDS!

Friday, Sept. 19
Warrior Zone
6 PM • \$3*

Includes Bingo Cards & Tumblers

Open to 100 to cardholders ages 18+

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MUSIC • GAMES • FUN • PRIZES

TEXAS Hold'em

Warrior Zone

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WARRIOR ZONE SATURDAY
SEPT. 20
OCT. 11

2 PM
\$20 BUY-IN

Open to 100 to cardholders ages 18+

PRIZES:
1st - \$250 4th - \$100
2nd - \$200 5th - \$50
3rd - \$150

Prizes will be in the form of Exchange gift cards.

Open to active duty Service Members

COMMANDER'S CUP

2-MILER RUN

Friday, Sept. 26

7 a.m. 12 St. & Liggett Ave.

Race number pickup and day-of-race registration will take place at 12th St. & Liggett Ave. Sept. 26, 5:30–6:30 a.m.

FREE!

Register: JBLMraces.com

Online registration closes Sept. 23.

CALL OF DUTY BLACK OPS 6

2V2 SEARCH & DESTROY

Warrior Zone

JBLM ESports

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27
WARRIOR ZONE
2 P.M. • FREE ENTRY

PRIZES:
1st - \$200 per team
2nd - \$100 per team
3rd - \$50 per team

Prizes will be in the form of MWR gift cards.

Parents' Night Out

Enjoy a kid-free night out.

Sign up by Sept. 19 Cost: \$40 per child
Call 253-966-2977 to register. Prepayment required.

Families must be registered with CYS.

Saturday, Sept. 27, 4:30–9:30 p.m.

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JBLM SPORTING CLAYS

Saturday Sept. 20

Join us at the Shotgun Shooting Complex for the Sporting Clays Target Shoot!

\$35 ENTRY FEE

* DOESN'T INCLUDE AMMO

Shotgun Shooting Complex
2909 2nd Division Range Rd., Lewis Main
253-963-7054

To reach the complex, park inside Scouts Out Gate and walk out to the range, or travel from East Gate Road through the training area.

Sign-ups are day of: 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Shooting starts: 10:30 a.m.
New and veteran shooters welcome!
No shotgun? Rent one for \$10.

All privately owned weapons brought onto JBLM must be registered with the Permit Marshal. Scan for details.

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Saturday Sept. 20, 9 AM Heritage Hill

Join us for the inaugural JBLM Half-Marathon on McChord, a challenging and scenic run starting at beautiful Heritage Hill! Whether you're a seasoned runner aiming for a new personal best or looking for a fun and rewarding fitness goal, this event is for you. Don't want to run a full 13.1 miles? We have 5K and 1K options as well!

\$23.50 REGISTER

Includes Finisher's Medal
Shirt registration closed Aug. 29

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Packet Pickup: McChord Fitness Center,
Sept. 19, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Day of Race Registration & Packet Pickup:
Heritage Hill, 7–8 a.m.

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JBLM OKTOBERFEST 2025

BEER • FOOD • MUSIC

Saturday Sept 27 11am–6pm

mwr fest Tent

Traditional Food & Drinks
Family Fun • Entertainment • Games
Flea Market • Crafts and more!

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Armed Forces Community Service

New Parent Support Program

Our program offers home visits, parenting classes, as well as play/support groups to strengthen family relationships using education, play, resources and referrals.

Register for classes at
<https://jblmfamilyadvocacytimetap.com>

Jul. - Dec. 2025

NPSP classes are held in 2025: M, Sat 24, Room 100, JBLM Lewis MC
 *Class dates listed below will be held in the Grand Library 401 Greenfield St., JBLM McChord Field

Preparing for Birth
 Jul. 24, Sept. 23, Nov. 13
 9 am - 11 am
 Learn the stages of labor, comfort strategies, and what to expect when you are delivering a baby.

Expectant Parents' Resources
 Jul. 24, Sept. 23, Nov. 13
 Noon - 1 pm
 Join us after the Preparing for Birth class to learn more about local resources, pregnancy tips, and how to stay informed.

Common Sense Parenting
 Aug. 7, Oct. 2, Dec. 4
 11 am - 1 pm
 Discover new strategies to become a more confident parent.

Mindfulness Parenting
 Jul. 22, Sept. 18, Nov. 12
 Noon - 2 pm
 Learn how to find the present moment to decrease stress and "mind of silence."

24/7 Dad
 Jul. 14, Aug. 12, Sept. 10, Oct. 6, Nov. 12, Dec. 10
 Noon - 1 pm
 Learn the responsibilities and places of being a father, the early stages of your child's life.

1-2-3 Magic for Ages 2+
 Aug. 19, Oct. 14, Dec. 9
 11 am - 1 pm
 Learn how to get your child on a discipline as a preschooler.

Health, Nutrition & Safety for Infants and Toddlers
 Aug. 12, Oct. 18, Dec. 18
 9 am - 11 am
 Learn what a safe and healthy infant and toddler should look like and how to keep them safe.

Infant Massage
 Jul. 27, Sept. 3, Nov. 17
 10 am - Noon
 Learn infant massage, a bonding activity between parent and child after the class. Parents bring your baby. Supporting parents will provide practice of skills.

With the Diaper: Party Training Tips & Tricks
 Aug. 27, Oct. 22, Dec. 17
 11 am - 1 pm
 Learn how to begin the potty training process step by step, deal with accidents, and celebrate successes.

Spotty Training
 Jul. 22, Sept. 18, Nov. 12
 Noon - 2 pm
 Learn how to find the present moment to decrease stress and "mind of silence."

24/7 Dad
 Jul. 14, Aug. 12, Sept. 10, Oct. 6, Nov. 12, Dec. 10
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The New Parent Support Program (NPSP) is a home and community-based parenting support and education program, meeting both individual parents and families with children through age five. The New Parent Support Program (NPSP) is free and open to the following individuals and families: Childless, Family members of children, children, children, children, and families of children.

We are happy to provide home visits and support to you and your family. Home visits are arranged at your convenience. Home visits range from weekly to monthly based on the changing needs of your family. We will provide individual, or video visit, as scheduled by the local parent. For more information, NPSP home visits provide services to families within 50 miles of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Call us at 253-967-4090 for more information and a home visit. All services are provided at no charge.

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, contact the JBLM Safeline 253-966-5AFE (7233) - 24 Hours / 7 Days a Week.

For questions or registration assistance, please call (253) 967-7409

LIFEGUARD TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

Sign up now for free lifeguard training!
Get paid as a Lifeguard Trainee while you get certified!

Must apply as Lifeguard Trainee at Employment QR code below.
 Trainees start at \$16.66/hr. Upon completion of the course, your pay could increase to \$17.11/hr.

Why you should join the MWR Team: Competitive pay (if you have experience, you could start as high as \$20/hr), opportunities for benefitted positions and promotions, and access to all MWR amenities including free fitness facilities.

Employment Information

Aquatics & LG Training

Up to \$1,000 in a cash bonus after working 100 hrs!
 Flexible schedule. Ages 15 and older accepted.
 For more info call 253-967-5026/5390.

TRAINING DATES

Sept. 12-14

Oct. 11-12 & 18-19

Nov. 15-16 & 22-23

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM CLASSES FOR UNITS AND SFRG

TRAIN ANYTIME, ANYWHERE - ON YOUR SCHEDULE!

NOW AVAILABLE ON DEMAND!

LOOKING FOR FLEXIBLE TRAINING OPTIONS FOR YOUR UNITS AND SFRG?

For more information or to schedule your unit training, call (253) 967-2901.

Scan to register for RFP and NPSP classes or visit jblmfamilyadvocacytimetap.com

We now offer on-demand FAP classes, making it easy to complete the required FAP training at your convenience. Available classes include:

- FAP Annual Training** - Learn how to recognize signs of domestic abuse, child abuse and neglect and learn strategies for resolving conflicts.
- Anger & Stress Management** - Learn the science of stress & anger and explore how unmanaged stress can impact relationships.
- You've Got Personality** - Learn to understand what different personality types to solve problems and/or avoid conflict.

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, please contact the JBLM Safeline, 253-966-5AFE (7233) - Available 24/7

NEW PARENT BOOT CAMP

Anticipate the journey of parenthood

Becoming a parent is one of life's most rewarding yet challenging experiences - that's why we're proud to offer New Parent Boot Camp - a mix of classes to help you navigate the early days of parenthood with valuable information, confidence, and support.

New Parent Boot Camp will cover everything from practical baby care to emotional readiness. You'll be provided with home a complimentary goody bag filled with resources, self-care items, and information to support your journey. You'll leave with a certificate of completion and the skills needed to thrive in the first year of parenthood.

AMERICAN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
 8085 NCO Beach Road
 JBLM Lewis North

Aug. 18, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 2, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15

To register visit:
jblmfamilyadvocacytimetap.com
 (253) 967-7409

Child & Youth Services
 Learn to register military children, how to register for CYS, how to use Child Care Aware, and more!

Birth of the First Child
 This class is facilitated by the Financial Readiness Program, designed to provide new and expecting parents with the foundation for being financially ready to bring a baby into the world.

Bringing Home Baby
 Learn how to care for yourself and your new baby after coming home from the hospital.

Fatherhood 101
 This class will help prepare soon-to-be dads for fatherhood roles and responsibilities.

Breastfeeding Basics
 Guidance for new moms to feel better prepared to start their breastfeeding journey.

With the cooperation with the Nearby Welcome Lends who is able to see you with the NPSP on-line programs, and the community agencies below:

The families of our service members are our priority.



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Real Life Solutions for Successful Military Living

EFMP FAMILY SUPPORT

FAMILY FUSION



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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AT JBLM

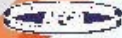
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NO PLAYGROUPS HELD ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS



EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM



Join the U.S. Department of Labor for a step-by-step guide to build your professional brand on LinkedIn!

- Create a standout profile
- Optimize your headline
- Network like a pro
- Master key features

Scan here to reserve your spot!



Open to all DoD ID Cardholders

Register online at jblm.rp.tmetap.com



Military Spouse LinkedIn Workshop

Oct. 16, 2025

FREE HEADSHOTS FOR ALL ATTENDEES

LinkedIn Profile 9-11AM

Craft a stand-out profile that markets your skills.

LinkedIn Job Search 1-3 PM

Get insider tips and explore LinkedIn's best features.

Stone Education Center
6242 Colorado Ave., JBLM Lewis-Main, Room B-149



Welcome Luncheon

American Lake Conference Center
8085 NCO Beach Rd., Lewis North
Every Monday, Noon-1:30 p.m.
or next business day after a holiday or DONSA



Have lunch on us! Also, explore info booths to learn about what JBLM has to offer - from childcare, leisure activities and fitness to employment and education opportunities. Open to: New JBLM Service Members and their families.



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Directorate of Public Works (DPW)-Environmental

Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 27th**, as the JBLM Fish and Wildlife Branch invites you to join a special celebration of **National Public Lands Day** from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** This annual event honors the importance of public lands and the vital role they play in conservation, recreation, and community connection.

The celebration promises a day filled with hands-on activities, educational exhibits, and opportunities to explore the natural beauty of the South Sound prairie ecosystem. Attendees can learn about local wildlife and habitat restoration efforts, and engage with biologists and conservation experts who help protect the unique landscapes of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

National Public Lands Day is the largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands in the United States, and JBLM is proud to be part of this nationwide movement. Whether you're a seasoned outdoor enthusiast or simply curious about the natural world around you, this event offers a meaningful way to connect with nature and learn how you can make a difference.

Celebrate National Public Lands Day!

September 27th 2025, 10am – 2pm at Joint Base Lewis-McChord



Bring weather appropriate outdoor clothes, water, and lunch.

Join JBLM Fish & Wildlife in restoring habitat for native birds and butterflies by removing invasive shrubs and installing habitat boxes at Clear Creek Prairie. Wildlife biologists will provide education about JBLM's diverse and unique ecosystems.

Meet at the C5 Mockup on East Gate Road for shuttle to the project site.

Detailed directions and more information:



"Step into the wild side of JBLM this National Public Lands Day—where conservation meets community and every trail tells a story."



Directorate of Public Works (DPW)-Transportation System Management

Lewis Main:

- **2nd Division Drive between Bennett Ave and Faith Ave** will be limited to one lane of traffic with flaggers from 8 to 29 SEPT 2025, for American Water to replace a waterline.
- **Pendleton Ave at the underpass connecting Lewis Main to Lewis North** will be closed to traffic in the evenings of Mon., 8 SEP 2025 and Tues., 9 SEP 2025 from 8 pm to 4 am for Atkinsons to set girders for WSDOT's I-5 work. The area will be open to traffic during the day.
- **Stryker Ave between S 5th St and S 6th St** will be closed for catch basin, stormwater lines, and pavement replacement from 23 JUNE 2025 to 24 SEP 2025.
- **Parking Lot/ Motor pool by Bldg 9522**, located at the block between S A St, Perry Ave, Tacoma Dr, and Prescott Ave in Logistics Area, will be closed for complete pavement reconstruction from 16 JUNE 2025 to 17 OCT 2025.
- **Perimeter Road – Davis Hill Housing off Davis Lane** will have construction traffic from 7 AUG to 3 OCT 2025 for construction of the noise sound wall as part of the WSDOT I-5 Corridor Improvements.
- **Collier Ave/ 4th Division Drive** near the intersection will have construction traffic with occasional lane closures from 21 JUL to 21 OCT 2025 for American Water's construction of Well #28 and Well House.
- **Pendleton Ave at the underpass connecting Lewis Main to Lewis North** is planned to have alternating lanes of traffic controlled by a temporary traffic signal from 29 SEPT to 26 NOV 2025 for 24 hours per day 7 days a week to install security fencing, walls of I-5 roadway, and a sidewalk as part of the I-5 road improvements.
- **Madigan Gate is currently planned to be CLOSED** from the beginning of October 2025 to mid-January 2026 for replacement/relocation of the active barriers and pavement reconstruction at the gate house area. Once the start date is confirmed, it will be provided to the community. During the project, the Logistics Gate will be open 24 hours/7 days a week. During that period, it is highly recommended that motorists consider alternate gates. The point of contact for any questions is 253-967-9275.

Lewis North:

- **Lewis North Gate – 41st Division Dr will have construction activities from 8 SEP to 19 NOV 2025** to construct an advance turnaround before the gate house. The work will be done in three phases.
 - ◇ Phase 1: Outbound traffic will be reduced to one lane with the right lane closed from 7 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday from 8 SEPT to 13 OCT 2025.
 - ◇ Phase 2: Inbound and Outbound traffic will be reduced to one lane with the left lanes closed from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday from 14 OCT 2025 to 3 NOV 2025.

McChord:

- **Barnes Blvd from between 1st St SW to the entrance to J01119 parking and Levitow Blvd to 2nd St** will undergo construction to replace the existing culverts with a bridge at Clover Creek from 31 MAR 2025 to 11 JAN 2026. The work is scheduled in two phases.

- ◇ Phase 1A & 1B: Barnes Blvd from the intersection with Levitow Blvd to the entrance of J01119 parking for gas line relocation - Complete.
- ◇ Phase 2A: Barnes Blvd and Levitow Blvd preparatory activities in area for FULL closure from 20 MAY to 12 JUNE 2025. Complete.
- ◇ **Phase 2B: Barnes Blvd from 1st St SW to entrance to J01119 parking**, and Levitow Blvd from Barnes Blvd to B St will be completely closed to traffic 13 JUNE 2025 to 11 JAN 2026.
- **Perimeter Road – Eastside of Airfield** will be closed for construction to replace the existing culverts with a bridge at Clover Creek from 12 MAY to 9 DEC 2025.
- **McChord Housing Areas, Cascade Village, Carter Lake, Heartwood, Olympic Grove, Stony Oak, and Westcott Hills** will be undergoing replacement of power lines and poles work by City Light and Power from mid-SEP 2025 to mid-JAN 2026. Work progress involving both shoulder and lane closures with flaggers.

Off-base work by WSDOT:

- I-5 Mounts Rd to DuPont Steilacoom corridor improvements will continue with traffic disruptions from Exit 120 to 116, through August 2026. Work is scheduled predominately during the day with occasional night operations.



Religious Support Office (RSO)

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Operation Helping Hands

For help contact your
Unit Ministry Team
Or the JBLM RSO

Need a hand?

Need a hand up,
not a handout

Lend a hand.

1. Scan QR Code
2. Select the dropdown category for "Operation Helping Hands"
3. Enter Payment details

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RELIGIOUS
SUPPORT
OFFICE

JBLM CHAPEL SCHEDULE – SUMMER '25

Catholic: Various Locations

Sunday 0900 Mass @ Madigan Chapel
Sunday 0900 Mass @ Lewis Main Chapel
Sunday 1030 Mass @ McChord Chapel #2
Sunday 1200 Mass @ Lewis Main Chapel
Weekdays 1200 Mass @ Lewis Main Chapel
Mon-Wed 1100 Mass @ Madigan Chapel

Jewish: Lewis Main Annex Bldg

Saturday 1000 Worship Service

Buddhist: Lewis Main Chapel

Sunday 0900 Service

Islamic: Soldiers Chapel

Friday 1215 Dhuhr Prayer Service

New Moon Fellowship: BLDG T6195 Lewis

Sunday 1400 Fellowship

Norse Pagan: Coming Soon (Contact the RSO)

McChord Traditional Protestant: McChord Chapel #1

Sunday 0830 Worship Service

Chapel Next: Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel

Sunday 1000 Worship Service

Lewis Main Protestant: Lewis Main Chapel

Sunday 1030 Worship Service

Madigan Chapel Protestant: MAMC Chapel

Sunday 1030 Worship Service

Unplugged: Evergreen Chapel

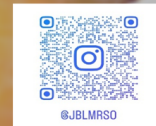
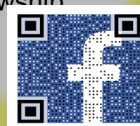
Sunday 1100 Worship Service

Grace Gospel: Lewis North Chapel

Sunday 1100 Worship Service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: North Chapel

2nd/4th Monday 1830 Fellowship



Time to Celebrate!




**THE AFA'S 78TH
AIR FORCE
BALL**



THIS YEAR'S THEME:
"78 YEARS OF AIR DOMINANCE FROM PROPELLERS TO JETS"



Where: The Hotel Murano
When: Saturday Sep. 27, 2025
1700-2200

Project Officers: Capt Heather Glover, MSgt Andrew Morrissey

Celebrate heritage, honor service, and embrace tradition at the AFA's 78th Air Force Ball! Join us at The Hotel Murano on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 1700 to 2200 for an unforgettable evening of camaraderie and elegance.

Dress to impress and party with the best—it's the first-ever Joint Services Ball! From sharp uniforms to dazzling gowns, come celebrate all branches in one epic night of unity and flair. American Lake Conference Center, Friday, October 17, 2025, 1800–2300. This is not your average military function... it's the Ball that breaks the mold!



*The Garrison Command, with support from the
Community Club of Lewis-McChord,
cordially invite you to attend the*



INAUGURAL JOINT SERVICES BALL

Following the Washington State Installation Commanders' Forum
Friday, October 17th 2025
American Lake Conference Center
8085 NCO Beach Rd.
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

Reception: 1800
Ceremony & Dinner: 1900
Social & Dance: 2100

Attire:
Military: Service dress,
Mess dress optional
Civilian: Semi-formal,
Black tie optional



Scan here to purchase tickets.

Please contact info@communityclublm.org for inquiries.



Santa's Castle

For over 30 years, Santa's Castle at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) has been a beacon of hope and joy for military families during the holiday season. Entirely volunteer-run, this heartwarming initiative ensures that service members facing financial hardship can still experience the magic of Christmas with their children. Through generous toy donations and the tireless work of "elves," Santa's Castle has served more than 24,000 families and brought smiles to over 53,000 children.

The process is simple but powerful. Command teams at JBLM refer families who may be struggling, and Santa's Castle welcomes them with open arms—no financial documentation required, and no one is turned away. Parents are invited to select toys from a festive, well-stocked "castle," giving them the dignity of choice and the joy of giving. It's more than just gifts—it's a moment of relief, celebration, and connection.

But this mission can't happen without volunteers. Each year, around 150 volunteer elves help stock shelves, guide families through the toy rooms, and ensure the entire operation runs smoothly. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old and have base access. Whether you're a high school student looking to give back, a retiree with time to spare, or a military spouse wanting to support your community, there's a place for you at Santa's Castle.

The organization also seeks board members and behind-the-scenes support throughout the year. From administrative tasks to special events, every helping hand contributes to the success of this cherished program.

If you're ready to make a difference this holiday season, consider joining the team. You can learn more or sign up to volunteer through Santa's Castle's official [volunteer page](#). Your time and compassion could be the reason a child wakes up to a joyful Christmas morning—and a parent breathes a little easier. Let's keep the magic alive—together.

You are invited to
Open House
Santa's Castle

Help us celebrate the new season. Tour the Castle. Learn how to volunteer, make a donation, or make a referral.
Check out our history and donor walls.

25 September 2025 - 11 am - 6 pm

Making the holidays bright for military children since 1994.

Fill the Sleigh Event
Help the Elves fill Santa's sleigh
bring a toy to give away!

2094 Bitar Ave. JBLM

www.jblmsantascastle.org



Santa's Castle

REFERRAL SEASON
during the month of
October

(FLIP FOR DETAILS)

Check us out at:
www.jblmsantascastle.org
Santa's Castle - Washington
 [santascastle_wa](#)
 [santascastle_wa](#)



REFERRAL SEASON DETAILS

- Santa's Castle Referral Window is live from 1 OCT - 1 NOV.
- Submit referrals via our website by going to the referral tab and clicking on the "Branch Specific Referral Application" at the bottom of the page at www.jblmsantascastle.org.
- All service members must be referred by the Chain of Command (E7 and above), a Chaplain or any of our pre-approved organizations (AER, NMCRS, AFAS, New Parent Support and Fisher House).
- Remember, we do not accept Self-Referrals and/or Walk-Ins.
- Refer Service Members who could use a little help for the holidays, who have children from birth to 18 years old.
- If you still have questions, please feel free to email scheduling@jblmsantascastle.org or call the Castle during office hours and we will be happy to assist you at 253-966-2355.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING
OUR MILITARY COMMUNITY.



Fisher House

FRIENDS OF FISHER HOUSE PUGET SOUND



...because a family's love is good medicine!

- VA Puget Sound Health Care System Fisher House
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fisher Houses I & II
- VA Portland Health Care System

What We Do

Established in 2006, Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization administered by an all-volunteer board, raises funds and awareness to support active-duty Military and Veteran families staying at our four Fisher Houses in Washington State.

With your financial support, we contribute to the “home away from home” accommodations for deserving Military families at no cost to the guests. This gift provides families the resources and time to focus on caring for their loved ones receiving necessary medical treatment at a VA, military medical center, or affiliated facility. Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound keeps families together because a family's love supports healing and restoration—good medicine!

Our Priorities for Guest Services:

- Well-stocked kitchen with groceries, food & beverages for everyday meals, snacks, holidays & special events
- Basic comforts of home in the kitchen, bedroom & bath, laundry room, and living room areas
- Clean, safe environment
- Support in-house guest access to transportation, from the Fisher House to the VA, Military hospital, or affiliated hospital providing care, paid for by the VA or DOD

Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound is solely reliant on your donations. Your contributions support active-duty Military and Veteran families today and will continue to do so in the future. We are sincerely grateful for your commitment and partnership with us!

Respectfully,

Rocco Bagala, President

Donate Using our QR Code Below



Contact Us and Learn More, Volunteer or Donate

Website: fisherhousevaps.org

Address: PO Box 18253, Seattle WA 98118

Email: friends@fisherhousevaps.org

Phone Number: (206) 501-8860

Your donations are 100% tax deductible

Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound is a duly registered 501(c)(3) in Washington State.

Federal Tax Identification #86-1175590



FRIENDS OF FISHER HOUSE PUGET SOUND...because a family's love is good medicine!



Our Guest Family Album

"What a tremendous gift. You are the nicest people!"



"The Fisher House and its staff are amazing. What a blessing to be relieved of some of the stress following the loss of a loved one."



"The place is wonderful, along with the staff. It has been a blessing for my granddaughter and I. We will never forget this place."



"Thank you to the kind souls that make this place a haven of peace and tranquility."



"Thank you so much. We are deeply grateful."



Seattle VA Fisher House
Mark Debenport, Manager
Glen Boje, Assistant Manager

Joint Base Lewis-McChord
Vattana Garcia, Business Manager
Emily Bonilla, Ops Assistant
Melissa Cady, Ops Assistant

Vancouver Fisher House
James Dorce', Manager
Christine Morgan, Program Specialist

Many thanks to our incredible House Managers who provide the gifts of love and service, that keep on giving all year long!



American Red Cross



Your sacrifice inspires us to serve you.

Get to know us before you need us! Visit the American Red Cross office at:

4201 West Way | Fort Lewis, WA 98433

We can provide:

Emergency Communication Services
Work-Study and Internship Opportunities for Students
Resiliency and Mind-Body Workshops
Volunteer Opportunities
Veterans Services



From day one of their service careers, Red Cross assistance is available to military members and their families.

Scan the QR code or visit
[redcross.org/SAF](https://www.redcross.org/SAF) to learn more.



**American
Red Cross**

Looking for Family Fun...



JBLM Housing Block Party & Resource fair

 **Welcome Home Families!**
Whether you're newly stationed or a longtime neighbor, join us for a day of connection, celebration, and fun.

 Hosted by Housing Advocate & JBLM Neighborhood Mayors

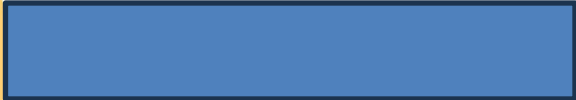
 **Location:** Historical Heritage Hill 
Date: September 13, 2025
Time: 1100– 1600
 **Admission:** FREE for all!

 **Local Resource Fair** where you can meet local vendors offering valuable services, community programs, and helpful insights for military families.

Activities include:

-  On-site interior Aircraft tours
-  Free food & drinks
-  **Main prize drawings & giveaways at 3pm must be present to win**
-  **Family fun zone:** bounce houses, inflatable slides and obstacle courses.
-  **Entertainment Masters Presents—**  Live DJ and karaoke, Airbrush & Balloon Artist, 9 Hole Mini-Golf, & Spin Art pictures.

Special Guest :
Magician Jeff Evans of Amazement Productions will be performing at 1300.
Come celebrate the spirit of Team McChord, where neighbors become friends and every family feels at home.






Privately owned Range 15 to close until next year

Effective 5-Sep-2025, MWR will temporarily close Range 15, our privately owned weapons range.

The closure is expected to last through 2026 and will be reevaluated at that time. During this time, the JBLM community is encouraged to visit the Shotgun Shooting Range for firearms recreation or explore the new hunting opportunities offered by Outdoor Recreation. We appreciate the support and understanding of the JBLM community as we work through these changes,

Reminder...

JBLM is a NO DRONE ZONE



Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) flight is prohibited except as specifically authorized by the Installation Commander. Unauthorized UAS may be disabled, damaged, destroyed, seized, or confiscated.

Unauthorized UAS operators may be subject to criminal prosecution, fines, and loss of operator privileges.

Title 10 U.S. Code §130i (where applicable), 49 U.S.C. § 40103(B)(3) & §46307, CFR Parts 101 and 107



Armed Services Blood Program

Armed Services Blood Bank Center - PNW

The ASBBC-PNW is the official military blood program center on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. We are located at 9904 E. Johnson St., JBLM, WA 98431.

Our team collects platelet, plasma, whole blood donations at our donor center along with a mobile team that coordinates blood drives across JBLM to collect whole blood donations. The blood collected by the ASBBC-PNW directly supports the military's contingency operations, high-risk training missions, and Madigan Army Medical Center.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

September 12, 2025 | 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Holiday Inn Express JBLM, 2107 Utah Ave., JBLM, WA

September 11 & 25, 2025 | 6:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.

JBLM Installation Reception Center, 2021C Pendleton Ave, JBLM, WA

September 15 & 29, 2025 | 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Madigan Army Medical Center, Medical Mall, 9040 Jackson Ave, JBLM, WA



To schedule a blood drive at your unit, email our recruiter

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A Moment in Military History...

September 5, 1781: The Battle That Turned the Tide

On this day in U.S. military history, September 5, 1781, the Battle of the Chesapeake—also known as the Battle of the Virginia Capes—marked a pivotal moment in the American Revolutionary War. The French fleet, commanded by Admiral Comte de Grasse, clashed with the British Royal Navy under Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Graves at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. Though the battle itself was tactically inconclusive, its strategic impact was monumental.

The French victory effectively sealed off British General Lord Cornwallis's forces at Yorktown, Virginia, cutting off any hope of reinforcement or evacuation by sea. This naval blockade allowed General George Washington and allied French ground forces to lay siege to Cornwallis's position, culminating in his surrender on October 19, 1781. That surrender marked the beginning of the end of British rule in the American colonies and paved the way for the birth of the United States.

For the JBLM community, this anniversary is a reminder of the enduring importance of joint operations and international alliances. Just as French naval support proved decisive in 1781, today's service members continue to rely on cooperation across branches and borders to achieve mission success.

As we reflect on this historic day, we honor the legacy of those who fought for independence and recognize the continued commitment of our military to defend freedom. Whether serving at home or abroad, every member of the JBLM family plays a role in upholding the values forged in battles like the one at Chesapeake Bay.

The courage and coordination that shaped our nation's future in 1781 still echo in the service and sacrifice we see every day at JBLM.

Celebrating Service and Community

As summer winds down and we look ahead to the changing season, it's the perfect time to reflect on the incredible work and unwavering support provided by the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Garrison. From essential services to enriching programs, the Garrison continues to be the backbone of our military community—ensuring that every Soldier, Airman, family member, and civilian feels supported, empowered, and connected.

Over the summer, Your JBLM Garrison has delivered a wide range of services that touch nearly every aspect of life on base. Whether it's the seamless coordination of housing and infrastructure, the dedication of Child & Youth Services to nurturing young minds, or the tireless efforts of MWR teams to create meaningful recreation opportunities, the Garrison's impact is felt daily. Events like Freedom Fest, the PCS Resource Fair, and the recent Back-to-School Bash have brought joy, resources, and a sense of belonging to thousands.

Behind every program is a team of professionals who go above and beyond—not for recognition, but because they believe in the mission and the people they serve. Their commitment ensures that JBLM remains not just a place to live and work, but a thriving community where service members and families can truly flourish.

To our readers: thank you for staying engaged, informed, and involved. Your feedback, participation, and enthusiasm help shape the services we provide and the stories we share. The Rainier Explorer exists to spotlight the heart of JBLM—and that heart is you.

As we move into fall, we look forward to continuing this journey together. Whether you're new to the base or a longtime resident, know that the Garrison is here for you—ready to serve, support, and celebrate all that makes JBLM extraordinary.