

# Rainier Explorer

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## Special points of interest:

- MAMC to offer Virtual visits
- New! Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts
- Road Work Information is now posted on JBLM Now!
- Team McChord to host Spouses Forum

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## Springtime is on its way!

The return of spring is upon us! The days begin to grow longer and as winter's chill surrenders to the spring equinox, we are greeted by the sight of blossoming flowers, the sound of birdsong, and the warmth of the sun on our face.

Spring is a time of rebirth and rejuvenation, where nature awakens from its slumber and reminds us of the beauty and resilience of life. The once-bare trees will soon adorn themselves with lush green leaves, and gardens burst forth with an array of hues, painting the landscape with their splendor. It is a season that fills our hearts with hope and our spirits with joy.

In this time of renewal, let us take a moment to appreciate the small wonders that surround us—the delicate petals of a blooming flower, the playful dance of a butterfly, and the fresh scent of rain-soaked earth. These simple yet profound experiences remind us of the interconnectedness of all living things and the importance of cherishing the present moment.

## Know the basics—Pedestrian Safety Tips

As we approach spring there's hardly anything better than going for a walk to enjoy the sunshine, warmth, and longer days. To better enjoy the outdoors there are a few things to consider. Below are ten pedestrian safety tips to mitigate some of the risks while walking.

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- **Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking.**



## Scheduled Virtual Visits



### WHY WORRY?

### BOOK VIRTUAL!

### Have Your Next Visit Without Leaving Work

JBLM Community,

As the Defense Health Agency continues to transform the way patients access care and care teams deliver care, Madigan Army Medical Center is pleased to announce a new virtual health care tool? My Military Health Scheduled Virtual Visits.

Scheduled virtual video visits are medical appointments that give patients the flexibility to meet with their care team from a location that's convenient and comfortable for them. The new platform is safe, secure, and easy to use, making it the perfect option for anyone who wants to engage in their health care on their terms.

#### Health care on your terms

Joining a virtual video visit is easy by using a smartphone, tablet, or computer with a camera, speaker, and a strong internet connection. The patient will receive a reminder email and text message when it's time to join the appointment, or they can enter directly from the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal up to 15 minutes before the appointment time. That means no extra logins or apps for patients to download. And since Scheduled Virtual Visits are integrated with MHS GENESIS, care teams can easily access patient charts, provide referrals, enroll patients in other care programs, and schedule follow-up appointments.

#### Next evolution of health care

My Military Health Scheduled Virtual Visits is the next phase in our journey to make health care more accessible, convenient, and holistic for patients. Patients can now schedule virtual video appointments with their health care team for primary and specialty care.

For more information, visit <http://www.tricare.mil/MyMilitaryHealth>





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*





# CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM

## MAKE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING A PRIORITY

Children's Waiting Room is a child care program located in or near military health care facilities that allows parents to attend scheduled appointments without the stress of having to find child care outside of the hospital. This program improves access to health care by removing lack of child care as a barrier, allowing service members and spouses to make their health and well-being a priority.

"I love this option at the hospital. It makes doctor appointments a breeze! Thank you so much for having this available for us!" – Military Parent

## ARMED SERVICES YMCA PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### Madigan Army Medical Center

#### Located in SFAC building

9059 Gardner Loop, Room 105

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA 98433

#### Appointments & Information:

Wes Wuco (253) 660-0567 | [wwuco@asymca.org](mailto:wwuco@asymca.org)

Children's Waiting Room (253) 966-9707

#### Hours of Operation:

M | 8am-2pm

Tu | 8am-1pm

W | 8am-2pm

Th | 8am-1pm

F | 8am-1pm



SIGN UP NOW



## BEFORE YOU SCHEDULE

Your child(ren) must be registered for the Children's Waiting Room at least 48 hours prior to scheduling your first reservation. Registration is simple and easy! Scan the QR Code to get started or visit:

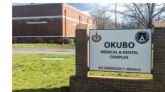
**[pacificnw.asymca.org](http://pacificnw.asymca.org)**



**MADIGAN**  
ARMY MEDICAL CENTER



## Madigan Pharmacy Service Overview



	Madigan Main	Lewis Main Exchange	Winder	Okubo
Patients Served				
Provided Service				
Hours of Operation	Mon-Fri 8:30AM-5:30PM ER Services: Sat-Sun 7:00-3:00PM	Tues-Fri 10:00AM-6:00PM Sat 8:00AM-2:00PM	Mon-Fri 7:30AM-3:30PM	Mon-Fri 7:30AM-3:30PM
Location	9040 Jackson Ave, Medical Mall JBLM, WA 98431	5280 Pendleton Ave MS 46, JBLM, WA 98433 <b>Enter by Starbucks Entrance</b>	9119 Mil Park Ave, JBLM, WA 98433 <b>Active-Duty Service Members Only</b>	11582 C St, JBLM, WA 98433 <b>Active-Duty Service Members Only</b>

\*Closed on all observed Federal Holidays and delayed openings at 10:30AM on 2nd Wednesdays of each month for training.\*



All Tricare beneficiaries



New & Renewal Prescriptions



Refill Prescriptions



Active-Duty Service Members Only



ER/Discharge Prescriptions

# Got REFILLS? We GOT You!



Recommended



**Fastest!**

### Lewis Main EXCHANGE

Tues-Fri 10:00AM-6:00PM  
Sat 8:00AM-2:00PM

Refill Ready in **4 Business Days**

Ways to coordinate refill pick-up at  
Lewis Main Exchange:

#### MHS Genesis Patient Portal (24/7)

Select **Madigan Army Medical Center**  
– **Lewis Main Exchange**  
as pick-up location



OR

#### Refill Line

24/7 Access

**253-893-8804**

Select **Option 2 For**  
**Lewis Main Exchange**



### Hospital ScriptCenter

24/7 Access

Refill Ready in **7 Business Days**

Ways to coordinate refill pick-up at  
Hospital ScriptCenter:

#### MHS Genesis Patient Portal (24/7)

Select **Madigan Army Medical Center**  
– **Hospital ScriptCenter**  
as pick-up location.



OR

#### Call Center

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM

**253-968-2586**

Select **Option 6 To**  
**Coordinate Refill Pick Up**



### Madigan Main Outpatient Pharmacy

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-5:00PM  
Sat 7:00AM-3:00PM

Refill Ready in **7 Business Days**

Ways to coordinate refill pick-up at  
Madigan Main Outpatient Pharmacy:

#### MHS Genesis Patient Portal (24/7)

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



OR

#### Call Center

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM

**253-968-2586**

Select **Option 6 To**  
**Coordinate Refill Pick Up**

Need assistance navigating or accessing the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal? Get one-on-one guidance from our informatics team right here at Madigan Army Medical Center!

*(MHS GENESIS Patient Portal & DS Logon Workshop times below do not include federal holidays.)*

# MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM


# MHS GENESIS


## Patient Portal & DS LOGON Workshops


**Every month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

- Internal Medicine Clinic Check- In Window B: Every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month
- Sign in at <http://informatics-stage.health.mil/DAP/>, and then select: *Washington*. Next Select *Joint Base Lewis -McChord*, then select "MHS Genesis Patient Portal Work Shop"

*\*Walk-ins accommodated based on availability*





**MADIGAN**  
ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

## Important Resources for Madigan Patients

**Pacific Integrated Referral Management and Appointing Center (PIRMAC):** To schedule an appointment by phone, call the PIRMAC at 800-404-4506

**The MHS Nurse Advice Line:** Speak with a Registered Nurse 24/7 Visit [MHSNurseAdviceLine.com](http://MHSNurseAdviceLine.com) for web chat and video chat, or dial 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1.



# New! Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts Now Available for Service Members

Did you know that you can now save money with a [Health Care Flexible Spending Account](#)? An HCFSAs is a new benefit for service members. It's a financial tool that allows you to set aside pre-tax earnings to pay for eligible medical, dental, and vision health expenses.

If you're an eligible service member, you can sign up for an HCFSAs for the first time between March 3 and March 31 at [www.fsafeds.gov](http://www.fsafeds.gov). You can contribute anywhere between \$100 and \$3,300 to your HCFSAs.

TRICARE officials explained that an HCFSAs is NOT part of the TRICARE program, and it's not an insurance product. Enrollment in TRICARE doesn't mean that you're automatically enrolled in an HCFSAs.

## Eligibility

Those eligible to enroll in an HCFSAs include:

- Members of the regular (active) component,
- Members of the reserve components performing Active Guard Reserve (AGR) duty,
- Members of the National Guard performing AGR duty,
- Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, including Reserve Component Managers, when performing active duty for more than 180 days.



## Common covered expenses

Here are some common expenses that your HCFSAs can cover:

- Medical:** copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles
- Dental:** exams, cleanings, X-rays, and braces
- Vision:** exams, contact lenses and supplies, eyeglasses, and laser eye surgery
- Wellness services:** massage therapy, chiropractor, and acupuncture
- Prescription medications and prescribed over-the-counter medications**
- Over-the-counter healthcare items:** bandages, pregnancy tests, and blood pressure monitors

The IRS determines what expenses are considered eligible. You can find a complete list of [eligible and ineligible expenses](#) on [www.fsafeds.gov](http://www.fsafeds.gov).

## How to enroll

The Special Enrollment Period is from March 3 to March 31. To enroll during this time, go to [www.fsafeds.gov](http://www.fsafeds.gov), and follow these instructions:

- Select "Qualifying Life Event" from the Enroll dropdown menu.
- Select the QLE titled "Special Enrollment Period for Members of the Uniformed Services March 3-31."
- Enter the date you're enrolling as your QLE event date.
- Follow the remaining instructions.

After March 31, eligible service members may only enroll in an HCFSAs during [Federal Benefits Open Season](#) through FSAFEDS. However, there are some life circumstances, called QLEs, that allow you to [change your election throughout the calendar year](#). To learn more about QLEs and how to enroll in an HCFSAs, visit [www.fsafeds.gov](http://www.fsafeds.gov).

# Directorate of Human Resources (DHR)

## IPPS-A Update

### VALIDATING PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT IN IPPS-A.

On 25 January 2025, IPPS-A began providing Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) with the email addresses that Soldiers have identified as their primary or “preferred” addresses in IPPS-A. In the future, this preferred email address will be what ATRRS uses as another avenue for communicating important school notifications. If your Soldiers wish to add a preferred email address for ATRRS to send reservation notifications to, please have them log into IPPS-A and make sure the right email is entered.

**DIGITAL GARRISON QR CODE.** Last year, we leveraged Soldier feedback to develop more user-friendly orders produced by IPPS-A. These updates have helped remove unnecessary administrative burdens for Soldiers. Among these improvements was the addition of a **Digital Garrison QR Code** to orders. Soldiers can use their mobile devices to scan the code and access more tailored, specific information about their installation.

**ACCURACY OF ASSIGNMENT HISTORY DATA.** With previous legacy systems, Soldiers would simply have HR Pros adjust their assignment history (e.g., revocations) if it was not accurate. Because IPPS-A is an integrated system, doing this now could negatively affect a Soldier’s pay and benefits. Therefore, encourage your Soldiers to ensure their Assignment History, Arrivals, and Departures are reflected accurately in IPPS-A from the beginning to avoid any issues.

**PAY-ABSENCES-INCENT-DED (PAID) AND IN-TRANSIT GRID (ITG) USER GUIDE.** HRC has released an updated version of the PAID and ITG User Guide. This version includes more accurate and up-to-date information, visuals, and resources, to help your Soldiers navigate PAID tile and ITG actions.

**YEAR-MONTH AVAILABLE TO MOVE (YMAV)/SERVICE FOR ANALYTICS AND BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE REPORTS (SABIR) UPDATE.** Please let your Soldiers know that IPPS-A has enhanced SABIR. Though the assignment end date still displays, it is no longer used as a loss predictor; instead, YMAV data is incorporated into the SABIR strength projection logic. A Soldier is projected as a loss in the month their YMAV will expire.

**MARKETPLACE.** The IPPS-A marketplace for the 26-01 Enlisted Manning Cycle closes 18 March 2025 at 11:59 p.m. GMT. To input their preferences, they should go to the Talent Management (TAM) Soldier Workcenter tile, then select “Closed Marketplace Preferences.” Please encourage your Soldiers to select several assignments in order of preference.

**MILPER MESSAGE 25-059, NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (NCOPME) COURSE SCHEDULING PROCEDURES, ISSUED: [20 FEB 25].** The HRC Force Alignment and Development Division (FADD) Enlisted Military Schools Branch (EM) centrally manages RA Soldiers’ attendance at the Advanced Leader Course (ALC), Senior Leader Course (SLC), and Master Leader Course (MLC). Scheduling Methodology: Soldiers are scheduled for training based on Army priorities and their current standing based on promotion points in their MOS for ALC and order of merit list (OML) for SLC and MLC and MOS. The most current OML approved by Army G1 will be used as the primary resource for scheduling along with the scheduling priorities outlined in this MILPER message.

## Reissue of Common Access Cards (CAC)

To comply with new guidance from the Defense Manpower Data Center, the ID Card office can no longer use a current CAC Card as a valid form of ID to re-issue a new CAC. Two valid forms of ID for CAC issuance include: US Passport, Social Security Card, State Driver’s License, State ID, Birth Certificate.



Transition Assistance Program (TAP)



# HAWK HIRING FAIR

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY**

**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

*At the Hawk Career Center on JBLM Lewis-North*

Come meet a variety of employers who are actively hiring for positions in Information Technology, Medical, Law Enforcement, Sales, Trade Skills, Paid Apprenticeships and more. Build your professional network and find your next career. No RSVP necessary - resumes are welcome but not required.



## **HAWK CAREER CENTER**

11577 41st Division Dr.  
JBLM (Lewis-North), WA 98433



# Joint Base Lewis -McChord



## Transition Assistance Program (TAP)



# MCCHORD FIELD BROWN BAG Hiring Fair

Held the following  
Tuesday's:

- January 14
- March 11
- May 13
- July 8
- November 18

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**At the Castle, Customer Service Mall  
1st Floor, 100 Col. Joe Jackson Blvd.  
JBLM-McChordField, WA**

Join us to connect with a diverse group of employers who are actively hiring. This event offers an excellent opportunity to expand your professional network and explore your next career path.

**Open to all Service Members including National Guard  
and Reserves, Veterans, Military Spouses/Family  
Members and all other DoD ID Card Holders.**

**No RSVP needed, resumes are welcome but not required.**

# JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FIRST RESPONDER



## HIRING EVENT

**Wednesday April 9, 2025, 10 am - 2 pm**

**AMERICAN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER  
8085 NCO BEACH ROAD  
JBLM LEWIS-NORTH, WA 98433**

Open to all Service Members, Veterans, Military Spouses and DoD ID card holders. Dress for success and bring copies of your resume (duty uniform acceptable). Agencies are looking to hire Officers, Corrections Officers, Dispatchers, Support Staff, Paramedics, Fire Departments & more!

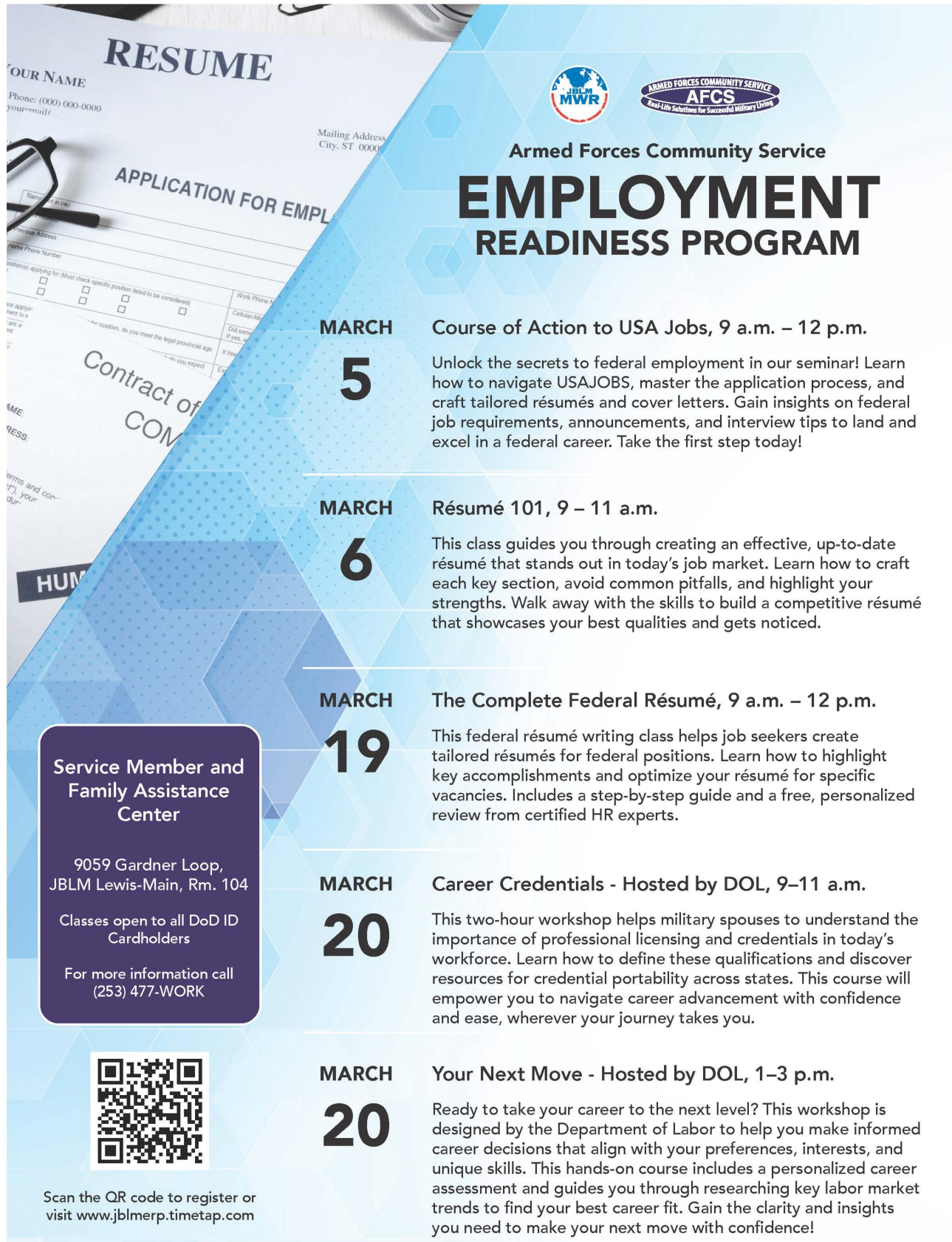


Registration:



<https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/tEzzDT0Sxz?origin=lprLink>





Armed Forces Community Service

# EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

**MARCH  
5**

**Course of Action to USA Jobs, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Unlock the secrets to federal employment in our seminar! Learn how to navigate USAJOBS, master the application process, and craft tailored résumés and cover letters. Gain insights on federal job requirements, announcements, and interview tips to land and excel in a federal career. Take the first step today!

**MARCH  
6**

**Résumé 101, 9 – 11 a.m.**

This class guides you through creating an effective, up-to-date résumé that stands out in today's job market. Learn how to craft each key section, avoid common pitfalls, and highlight your strengths. Walk away with the skills to build a competitive résumé that showcases your best qualities and gets noticed.

**MARCH  
19**

**The Complete Federal Résumé, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

This federal résumé writing class helps job seekers create tailored résumés for federal positions. Learn how to highlight key accomplishments and optimize your résumé for specific vacancies. Includes a step-by-step guide and a free, personalized review from certified HR experts.

**MARCH  
20**

**Career Credentials - Hosted by DOL, 9-11 a.m.**

This two-hour workshop helps military spouses to understand the importance of professional licensing and credentials in today's workforce. Learn how to define these qualifications and discover resources for credential portability across states. This course will empower you to navigate career advancement with confidence and ease, wherever your journey takes you.

**MARCH  
20**

**Your Next Move - Hosted by DOL, 1-3 p.m.**

Ready to take your career to the next level? This workshop is designed by the Department of Labor to help you make informed career decisions that align with your preferences, interests, and unique skills. This hands-on course includes a personalized career assessment and guides you through researching key labor market trends to find your best career fit. Gain the clarity and insights you need to make your next move with confidence!

**Service Member and  
Family Assistance  
Center**

9059 Gardner Loop,  
JBLM Lewis-Main, Rm. 104

Classes open to all DoD ID  
Cardholders

For more information call  
(253) 477-WORK

Scan the QR code to register or  
visit [www.jblmerp.timetap.com](http://www.jblmerp.timetap.com)



**Transitioning Spouse Appreciation Event!**  
**Hawk Career Center**  
**11577 41st Division Drive (Lewis North)**  
**Thursday, 1 May 2025, 1pm to 4pm**

The Joint Base Lewis-McChord Directorate of Human Resources and the Transition Assistance Program will be hosting the TAP Too Workshop and appreciation event for spouses of transitioning service members Thursday, 1 May 2025 from 1pm to 4pm.

Workshops will include topics and issues impacting spouses of transitioning service members covered by subject matter experts from programs and organizations throughout JBLM and the local community, from financial preparedness to emotional mindfulness and employers with available job opportunities.

Attendees will also receive information on 25 resources and programs within JBLM and the local community during the workshop.

In addition, a panel of spouses that have gone through the transition process will share their experiences. POC: Dorlise Harris, [dorlise.j.harris.civ@army.mil](mailto:dorlise.j.harris.civ@army.mil), (253) 982-1159

Register Here:



<https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/q7mcbj8pbz?origin=lprLink>



**37th Annual  
Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM)**

*GRADUATION CEREMONY  
CLASS OF 2025*



**May 30, 2025, 1:00 PM  
Worthington Center at Saint Martin's University  
5300 Pacific Ave. SE  
Lacey, Washington**

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Joint Base Lewis-McChord Graduation Ceremony recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Service Members, Family Members, Veterans and Civilians who have completed an accredited certificate, associate, bachelor, master, or doctoral degree.

To attend, please scan the QR Code and RSVP before Thursday **15 MAY 2025**. This event is also open to Service Members in the Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and the Reserves to receive honors.



Graduates can invite up to five guests.

QUESTIONS: 253-967-7295 or 2126  
WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE YOU ON GRADUATION DAY!

## FOOD SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

### EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK

#### *Pierce County Food Resources*

<https://www.efoodnet.org/>

Has FIND FOOD MAP on the website with a food pantry, meal site, home delivery resources, and what day of the week it is available. The information on the website is the most up-to-date.



#### *Thurston County Food Resources*

<https://tcfb.org/>

Has FIND FOOD NEAR ME on the website with grocery pick-up locations, including a food pantry, inside shopping, drive-up distribution, and farm stand.

### THURSTON COUNTY FOOD BANK

### WIC

<https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/wic/apply-wic>

Women, Infants, and Children provide nutrition for qualifying pregnant women, breastfeeding moms, and children under 5. Dad, grandparents, and other caregivers of children under five may also sign up for WIC.

JBLM WIC – (253) 982-0210; 551 Barnes Blvd, McChord AFB, WA 98439



<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/basic-food>

A federal nutrition program that provides food benefits to supplement qualifying individuals' and families' grocery budgets to purchase healthy foods.

### SNAP

### WASHINGTON CONNECTION

<https://www.washingtonconnection.org/home/>

It offers a fast and easy way for families and individuals to apply for various services such as Food, Cash, Child Care, Long-Term Care, and Medicare Savings Programs. Click on SEE IF I QUALIFY.



## FOOD SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

### Active-Duty Service Members

#### Basic Needs Allowance (BNA)

[Financial Readiness - Understanding BNA](#)



[Army Directive 2023-06 \(Army BNA Program\)](#)



#### Other Resources:



#### Army Emergency Relief (AER)

Waller Hall: Bldg. 2140 Liggett Ave, JBLM Lewis-Main

Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Initial requests)  
Schedule an appointment with AER: (253) 967-9852

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a private, non-profit organization established to assist Soldiers and their Family members in emergency financial situations due to no fault of their own. Financial assistance is given in the form of an interest-free loan, grant, or combination of the two. Loans are repaid by an allotment. AER is by appointment for intake or returns.

[www.armyemergencyrelief.org](http://www.armyemergencyrelief.org)



#### AFCS Financial Readiness Program

Waller Hall: Bldg. 2140 Liggett Ave, JBLM Lewis-Main

Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
(253) 967-1453

The Financial Readiness Program provides comprehensive educational and counseling programs in personal financial readiness. Learn about debt, consumer advocacy and protection, money management, credit, financial planning, insurance, and consumer issues. Through classroom training and individual counseling, participants can learn how to save and invest money, establish savings goals, eliminate debt, and save for emergencies.

Schedule a one-on-one financial counseling appointment with an accredited financial counselor: (253) 967-1453 or visit [jblmfrp.timetap.com](http://jblmfrp.timetap.com)



ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY SERVICE  
**AFCS**  
Real-Life Solutions for Successful Military Living

EFMP FAMILY SUPPORT

# FAMILY FUSION



AGES 0-12  
**MONDAYS**  
10-11:30 AM



- AT THE -  
**CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM AT  
JBLM**

BLDG. 2275 LIGGETT AVE, JBLM LEWIS-MAIN



NO PLAYGROUPS HELD ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS



## Armed Forces Community Service



### Community Services (ACS | A&FRC)

- Armed Forces Action Plan
- Armed Forces Team Building
- Employment Readiness Program
- Exceptional Family Member Program – Family Support
- Family Advocacy Program
- Financial Readiness Program
- Installation Volunteer Corps
- Mobilization, Deployment and Stability Support Operations
- Outreach Services, Relocation Readiness and Lending Closet
- Service Member and Family Assistance Center
- Survivor Outreach Services

**A&FRC Services offered on Air Force Bases**  
(AFAS & Key Spouse Programs managed separately)

ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY SERVICE  
**AFCS**  
Real-Life Solutions for Successful Military Living



253-967-7166  
[JBLMafcs.com](http://JBLMafcs.com)



**March 2025**

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<p>31</p>		<div> <p>The Hawk Calendar is subject to change. <b>V = Virtual, IP = In-Person</b> Digital copies of this calendar include direct links; please see page 2 for POCs if more info is needed.</p> </div>		

**++WorkSource JBLM will have a representative in Suite 3005, BLDG 100 on McChord Field every Tuesday++**

**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](mailto: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\*\***

# Hawk Career Center Program Directory

Hawk Career Center Resources And Contact Information			
Organization	Program POC Info		
Hawk Career Center (HCC)	11577 41st Division Dr.	253-967-5599	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/JBLMUnlimited">www.facebook.com/JBLMUnlimited</a>
Transition Assistance Program (TAP)	HCC Room 124	253-967-3258	<a href="mailto:usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-tap@army.mil">usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-tap@army.mil</a>
Apprenti		425-559-2527	
Boots To Shoes Mentorship	Virtual Services Available	253-226-4099	
Business Impact NW—Boots 2 Business	<a href="mailto:vboc@businessimpactnw.org">vboc@businessimpactnw.org</a>		
Career Skills Program (CSP)	HCC Room 124	<a href="mailto:usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-career-skills-program@army.mil">usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-career-skills-program@army.mil</a>	
Career Team– Employment Assistance and Spouse Ambassador Program (253) 593-7300 <a href="mailto:jblm@careerteam.com">jblm@careerteam.com</a>			
City of Tacoma Veteran Employment Workshops	<a href="https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma/jobs/2968374/veterans-informational-workshops?pagetype=transferJobs">https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma/jobs/2968374/veterans-informational-workshops?pagetype=transferJobs</a>		
Hiring Our Heroes Fellowships	<a href="#">Zoom Orientation</a> Thursday 1530	202-597-0520	
HOH Military Spouse Fellowship		202-680-4784	
DSHS		360-407-4708	
Employment Readiness Program (ERP)		253-477-9675	<a href="https://jblmerp.timetap.com">Appointments: https://jblmerp.timetap.com</a>
Goodwill Military and Veteran Services	Virtual Services Available	Contact: <a href="mailto:vetservicesinfo@goodwillwa.org">vetservicesinfo@goodwillwa.org</a>	
Hire Military		<a href="mailto:skillbridge@tenovalc.com">skillbridge@tenovalc.com</a>	<a href="http://www.hiremilitary.us">www.hiremilitary.us</a>
Military to Manufacturing	Workshops		
Onward to Opportunity			
WorkEx	<a href="http://www.workexmilitary.org">www.workexmilitary.org</a>		
Stone Education Center - MY Education - Transition Track		253-967-7295 <a href="mailto:usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-aces-customer-inquiry@army.mil">usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-aces-customer-inquiry@army.mil</a>	
USO Transitions	Bldg. 2201 12th & Pendleton	253-459-3425	
USAJobs Workshop			
VA Claims			<a href="mailto:jblmvabenefits@dva.wa.gov">jblmvabenefits@dva.wa.gov</a>
VIE-25	HCC Room 215		
WorkSource JBLM (WS)	Virtual Services Available	253-593-7320	<a href="mailto:worksourcejblm@esd.wa.gov">worksourcejblm@esd.wa.gov</a> <a href="http://www.WorkSourceWA.com">www.WorkSourceWA.com</a>

## Notes:

**WorkEx Orientations** available anytime online at: [WorkexMilitary.org](http://WorkexMilitary.org)

**WorkSource classes noted on calendar = (\*WS)**

**MY Education Virtual Classes Are Available Weekly:** For more information please contact your TAP Counselor

**Goodwill Veteran and Military Services events noted on calendar = (\*GW)**

**VA Women's Transition Health Training:** Visit <https://www.va.gov/womenvet/whtt/>

**Hawk Career Center Calendar POC:** To submit future events to the Hawk Career Center Calendar or if program POC is not listed, please contact Frank Handoe at [frank.c.handoe.civ@army.mil](mailto:frank.c.handoe.civ@army.mil)

**Employers interested in participating in Hiring events** please contact Mrs. Dorlise Harris at [Dorlise.j.harris.civ@army.mil](mailto:Dorlise.j.harris.civ@army.mil)

## How can I attend the Reserve brief?

Please email us at [usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-tap@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-tap@army.mil) providing your full name and brigade unit of assignment. We will provide you with the contact information to the Reserve Counselor assigned to your Unit. The assigned RCCC Counselor will schedule your brief and you will receive credit upon completion.

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

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.)

## USEFUL LINKS

<a href="#">MWR Calendar of Events</a>	<a href="#">Sounders indoor playground</a>	<a href="#">MWR libraries</a>
<a href="#">CYS Registration</a>	<a href="#">Bowl Arena Lanes</a>	<a href="#">AFCS</a>
<a href="#">Youth Sports &amp; Fitness</a>	<a href="#">Outdoor Rec/RV Storage &amp; More</a>	<a href="#">BOSS</a>

## Keep the Savings Going

Savings at JBLM are ongoing! Have you been able to enjoy the [deals](#)? We hope so, and we're excited to see you at the first free for all participants race of the year, the Spring Forward Fun Run!

## UPDATE: Employment and NAF Positions

NAF jobs are announced on the JBLM MWR website and social media channels. All job announcements and links to apply are on the USA Jobs website. If you need assistance with applying, contact [NAF HR](#). Additionally, AFCS [Employment Readiness Program](#) continues to offer classes and support for your career needs. Example classes are Résumé 101 and Home-Based Business: Be Your Own Boss. For more information about types of assistance the Employment Readiness Program can offer, call 253-477-9675.

## JBLM Volunteer Nominations

Volunteering at JBLM is a great way to be involved in your community! For example, did you know you can [volunteer](#) at MWR events such as the upcoming Kids' Fest in April or Armed Forces Day in May? You can also volunteer year-round with a specific volunteer role such as a fitness instructor for group fitness classes, a library aid, a photographer, writer or graphic designer or maybe even a race support volunteer at any of our JBLM races. To find out more, you can visit the [Partner with Us](#) link on our main web page. If you are a supervisor of an amazing volunteer at JBLM, you can nominate them for a Volunteer of the Year Award. [Nominations](#) should be sent to the [Installation Volunteer Manager](#) by Monday, March 24.

## JBLM Spring Flea Market and Spring Forward Run

### Saturday, March 15

Join us for the first combination event of the year! From 9 a.m.–1 p.m., shop till you drop at the [JBLM Spring Flea Market](#). You can expect to find bargains on garage sale treasures and unique hand-crafted items, too. Then starting at 11 a.m., participate in the free [Spring Forward Fun Run](#) 5K or 1K races. Runners will enjoy the mostly flat courses around the MWR Fest Tent and historic JBLM areas. If you haven't registered yet, you can [sign up online](#) until Wednesday, March 12, or in person on the day of the race from 9:30–10:30 a.m.

## Warrior Zone Events

Warrior Zone has several events to fill up your March calendar. On Saturday, March 8, watch [UFC 313](#). Then try your luck at the next [Texas Hold'em Tournament](#) on Saturday, March 15 starting at 2 p.m. While you're taking control of your Saturday socializing time, you should plan to play in the [Street Fighter 6 Tournament](#) on Saturday, March 22 too! Plus, starting Sunday, March 16, you can participate in the March Basketball Bracket Challenge. All of these events are open to DoD ID cardholders ages 18 and older.



## Friendly Reminders



Just a  
Friendly  
Reminder

- Mandatory skills assessments for [CYS seasonal sports](#) are required for ages 9 and older.
- [First Friday](#) events are your time to socialize and enjoy free appetizers at McChord Pub. Join in from 3–5 p.m. each first Friday of the month.
- Registration for the [Commander's Cup Ten-Miler](#) in April is open.

## Save the Date

- April 5: Family-friendly Beat Drop Bingo.
- April 11: Open Mic Night at Warrior Zone.
- April 26: Kids' Fest.



## Updates: Fitness Centers & Pools



Visit: <https://JBLM.armymwr.com/Categories/SFA> for locations, hours and 24/7 access information.

## Warrior Zone Activities (Note: the Warrior Zone 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.





# Spring Forward Fun Run



## Saturday March 15, 11AM MWR Fest Tent

After the race, hang out and enjoy a stew combo consisting of stew, bread and rice krispie treat, enjoy music and browse the JBLM Spring Flea Market (9 a.m.-1 p.m.).

Optional T-shirt and stew available for purchase for \$10 each.  
Note: There is no finisher's medal for this race.

Registration deadline for race shirt or stew combo is Tuesday, Feb. 18.

**Register: [JBLMraces.com](http://JBLMraces.com)**

Online registration closes March 12. Day-of-Race Registration: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Sell your goods at the market!



Application



**FREE!**

Small admin fee may apply when registering online

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## JBLM SPRING FLEA MARKET



Spring Forward Fun Run starts at 11 a.m.



## Saturday, March 15 9 AM-1 PM MWR Fest Tent

*Clean out your closet, garage or attic, rent tables and sell your gently used items for cash!*

*Get two spaces for \$35 or three for \$40. \$5 for each additional space.*

*Email completed application to [JBLMSpecialEvents@army.mil](mailto:JBLMSpecialEvents@army.mil)*

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Market application



# GREAT DEALS for Junior Enlisted

Junior Enlisted are E1-E4.  
\*Exclusions and details  
at JBLMmwr.com.



**FREE RACES FOR ALL\***

**FREE GAME OR HOUR OF BOWLING\***

**FREE FITNESS CLASSES**

**FREE POOL ACCESS**

**50% OFF OUTDOOR REC  
EQUIPMENT RENTAL\***

**FREE 9 HOLES OF GOLF\***

**FREE 2 HOUR AUTO BAY RENTAL**



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## JBLM 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

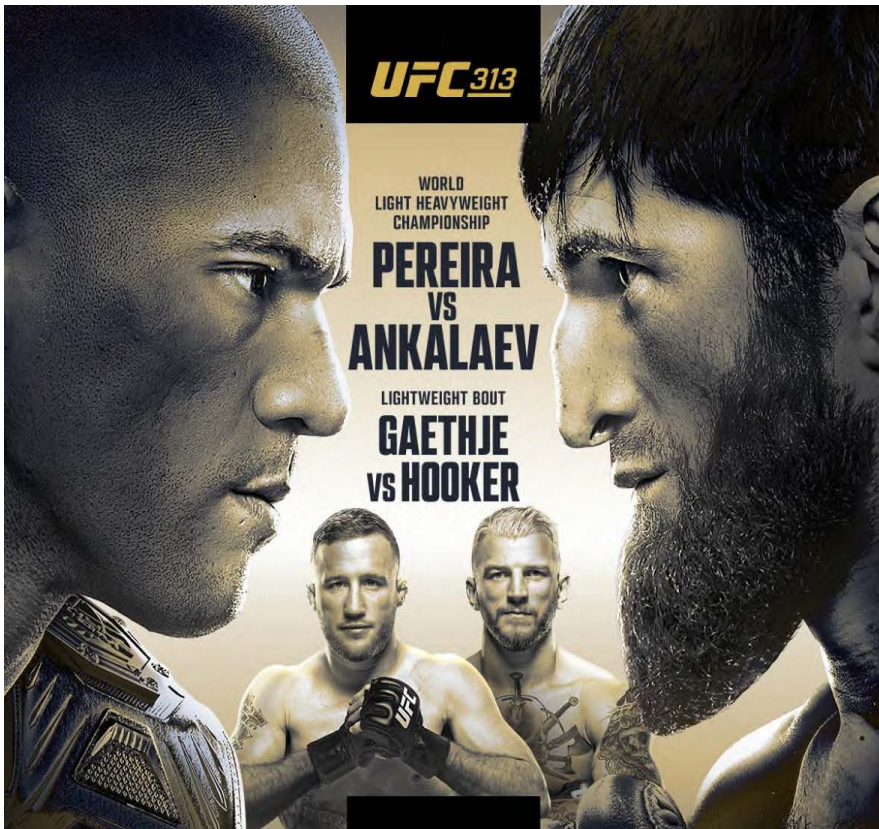
**SATURDAY  
MARCH 22  
1-6 PM**

**McCHORD FITNESS  
CENTER**

**FREE**



JBLMmwr    For more information or to register  
call 253-982-6707 or stop by McChord Fitness Center.





**UFC 313**

WORLD  
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**PEREIRA  
VS  
ANKALAEV**

LIGHTWEIGHT BOUT

**GAETHJE  
VS HOOKER**






**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

**WARRIOR ZONE**




11592 17th & D ST., Lewis North

**5 P.M. | NO COVER**

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Open to DoD ID cardholders ages 18+  
Must be 21+ to drink.

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**WARRIOR ZONE**

**SATURDAY**

**MARCH 15**

**TEXAS**

*Hold'em*



**2 PM**

**\$20**

**BUY-IN**

Open to DoD ID cardholders ages 18+

**PRIZES:**

1st - \$300	4th - \$100
2nd - \$200	5th - \$50
3rd - \$150	

*Prizes will be in the form of Exchange gift cards.*

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**STREET FIGHTER TOURNAMENT**

**WARRIOR ZONE**

**JBLM WARRIOR ZONE ESPORTS**

**JBLM MWR**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

**WARRIOR ZONE**

**FREE | 2 P.M.**

**PRIZES:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$25

**Payment will be in the form of Exchange gift cards.**

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**Open to DoD ID cardholders ages 18 +**

**11592 17TH & D ST. | Lewis North | 253-477-5756**



**WARRIOR ZONE**

**JBLM MWR**

**MARCH BASKETBALL BRACKET CHALLENGE**

**MARCH 16 — APRIL 7**

**FREE TO ENTER!**

**Games that will be displayed during normal hours of operation at Warrior Zone:**

Sunday Selection — March 16	Top 16 — March 27–28
Opening Four — March 19	Top 8 — March 29–30
First Round — March 20–21	Finishing Four — April 5
Second Round — March 22–23	Championship — April 7

**The participants with the most points at the end of the tournament win an Exchange gift card.**

**Men's Bracket - \$50**

**Women's Bracket - \$50**

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**Open to JBLM DoD ID cardholders ages 18 +.**

**11592 17th & D St., Lewis North | 253.477.5756**

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**Download the ESPN Tournament Challenge app and join the JBLM Warrior Zone group or fill out a bracket in person at Warrior Zone starting Sunday, March 16.**

**MEN'S GROUP**

**WOMEN'S GROUP**

# SPRING 2025 YOUTH SPORTS CALENDAR



FIND THE  
CALENDAR  
HERE:



Get involved as a coach. Sports  
fee vouchers  
are available.  
Details: 253-967-2405.



Mandatory skills assessments will be  
conducted for all seasonal sports for  
ages 9 and older.

Sign-up link is at [JBLMcysRegistration.com](https://JBLMcysRegistration.com)



## ODR SPRING CALENDAR

### APRIL MAY JUNE

5: Photography 101	\$45
5-6: Fly-fishing Camp	\$550
5: Oregon Waterfalls Tour	\$85
6: Whale Watching Tour	\$155
6: Falls Creek Hike	\$75
12: Bike Tulip Festival	\$69
12: Explore Victoria, B.C.	\$140
13: Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival	\$75
15: Intro to Indoor Rock Climbing	\$40
18: Mount St. Helens Climb	\$255
19: Whale Watching Tour	\$155
19: Youth Outdoor Rock Climbing	\$55
20: Adult Outdoor Rock Climbing	\$65
20: Crabbing Trip	\$65
27: Park Butte Fire Lookout	\$75
27: Spring Foliage Hike to HOH	\$65
29: Intro to Indoor Rock Climbing	\$40

3: Photography 101	\$45
3: Beacon Rock Hike	\$70
3: Outdoor Rock Climbing Trip	\$55
3-4: Fly-fishing Camp	\$550
4: Deception Pass/Whidbey Island	\$60
10: Ocean Shores Sunset Bike Ride	\$65
10: Whale Watching Tour	\$155
11: John Wayne Pioneer Trail Bike	\$55
15: Intro to Indoor Rock Climbing	\$40
18: Ape Caves Tour	\$65
18: Coffee and Kayaking	\$65
23-25: Mount Baker Climb	\$699
24: Rain Forest Explorer	\$75
24: Explore Victoria, B.C.	\$140
25: Mount Ellinor Climb	\$80
25: Cape Flattery Hike	\$80
31: Crabbing Trip	\$65

1: Dog Mountain Wildflower Hike	\$55
1: Adult Rock Climbing Trip	\$65
7: Ocean Shores Sunset Bike Ride	\$65
8: Staircase Rapids Loop Hike	\$55
14: Photography 101	\$45
15: Hope Island Kayak	\$65
19: Wenatchee Whitewater Rafting	\$85
21: Wenatchee Whitewater Rafting	\$85
21: Whale Watching Tour	\$155
22: Ape Cave Tour	\$75
22: Wenatchee Whitewater Rafting	\$85
27-29: Mount Baker Climb	\$699
29: Paddleboard Lake Cushman	\$60
29: Coffee and Kayaking	\$65

Fly Fishing Private Trips: \$150-\$650  
Private Shuttle Trips: \$550

[JBLMmwrRegistration.com](https://JBLMmwrRegistration.com) | NW Adventure Center | 253-967-7744 | 8050 NCO Beach Rd., Lewis North



# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

**24 MAR 2025—4 FEB 2026**

**PLEASE ACCESS  
MWR FACILITIES  
VIA B ST**



# First Friday

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

\*Due to holiday, July's event is the second Friday.  
In May and August enjoy live music!



**Socialize • Enjoy Free Appetizers • Music\***  
**Finale BBQ Party — Aug. 1**



The pub is located inside McChord Club.

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

# JBLM Volunteer of the Year 2025 Nomination Information

## ELIGIBILITY

- All volunteers must be registered with the Volunteer Management Information System at <https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com> (except Community Volunteer of the Year).
- Primary volunteer service must be with organization(s) on JBLM during Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024.
- Active duty members must be stationed at JBLM.
- Previous VOY winners may be nominated, but cannot be chosen as Volunteer of the Year.



## VOLUNTEER CATEGORIES

*Nominations do not guarantee an award*

### ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

JBLM Volunteers eligible for this category are spouses of active duty members and all civilian volunteers.

### ACTIVE DUTY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

JBLM Volunteers eligible for this category are active duty Service Members stationed at JBLM.



### RETIREE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

JBLM Volunteers eligible for this category must be retired Service Members, spouses of a retired Service Member or retired from a civilian job.

### FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Nominations must include the impact and contributions that each Family member makes as a volunteer at JBLM.

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are for volunteers who contribute the majority of their service to communities and/or organizations outside JBLM.



Scan QR code for nomination form or visit

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/AFCS2/JBLMVolunteerOfTheYear2025NominationForm>

**For questions please call (253)967-2324.**

All nominations must be submitted on-line no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 24, 2025.



## EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM 2025 CLASS SCHEDULE



At the Service Member and Family Assistance Center (SFAC)

### USAJOBS

Find your federal government job

Keywords

Job title, dept., agency, series or occupation

### Shape America's future

- ★ Save your favorite jobs and searches
- 📁 Upload your resumes and documents
- 🏠 Make your resume searchable
- ✓ Apply for jobs in the federal government

Create profile or Sign in

Interested in working for the federal government?  
Don't miss these valuable federal government preparation classes!

#### Course of Action to USA Jobs, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Begin your federal employment journey with this interactive seminar designed to help you understand the federal hiring process.

Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, Jun. 4, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

#### The Complete Federal Résumé, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Learn how to construct an effective federal resume, tailored to meet federal hiring standards.

Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21, Jun. 18, Jul. 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17



Need a new or revised résumé?  
Join us for these hands-on résumé building classes!

#### Résumé 101, 9 – 11 a.m.

Learn the fundamentals of creating a compelling résumé. We'll cover format, key sections, and tips to effectively highlight your skills and experience.

Jan. 2, Mar. 6, May 1, Jul. 3, Sept. 4, Nov. 6



Exploring entrepreneurship?  
Are you interested in starting your own business?  
Come join these informative classes!

#### Home-Based Business: Be Your Own Boss, 9 – 11 a.m.

Join us for this fun class while we explore both the advantages and challenges associated with being a boss!

Feb. 6, Apr. 3, Jun. 5, Aug. 7, Oct. 2, Dec. 4

For more information call (253) 477-WORK (9675)



### Service Member and Family Assistance Center (SFAC)

Bldg. 9059 Gardener Loop, JBLM Lewis-Main, Room 104

Open to all DOD ID cardholders. To register for classes, please visit: [jblmperp.timetap.com](http://jblmperp.timetap.com)



# JBLM Religious Support Office SPRING SEASON EVENTS



## Catholic Community Lenten Seasonal Services

### Lewis Main Chapel

Mar 5: at 12:00 & 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday  
Mar 5: at 3 p.m. Imposition of Ashes

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross  
Mar 07, 14, 21, 28, Apr 4, 11 at 6 p.m.

Apr 13: 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. Palm Sunday  
Apr 16: 6 p.m. Community Penitential Service  
Apr 17: 6 p.m. Holy Thursday Service  
Apr 18: 6 p.m. Good Friday Service  
Apr 19: 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service  
Apr 20: 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. Easter Mass

### McChord Field, Chapel #2

Apr 13: 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday  
Apr 20: 10:30 a.m. Easter Mass

### Madigan Army Medical Center Chapel

Mar 5: 11 a.m. Ash Wednesday  
Apr 13: 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Service  
Apr 20: 9 a.m. Easter Mass

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### NWJRCF

Mar 5: 2 p.m. Ash Wednesday  
Apr 13 2 p.m. Palm Sunday  
Apr 20: 2 p.m. Easter Sunday

## Protestant Communities

### McChord Chapel #1

Mar 5 at 12 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

### 4CMC Chapel Next

Apr 18 at 6 p.m.

Good Friday Service

### Unplugged

Apr 20 at 11 a.m.

Eggstravaganza

### Heritage Hill

Apr 20 at 6 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Services,

*\*Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday Chapel Services will be held at regular times.*

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### **Norse Community**

20 Mar: 12 p.m. Ostara Blot  
15 Apr: 12 p.m. Sig Blot  
22 Apr: 12 p.m. Yggdrasil/Earth Day  
24 Apr: 12 p.m. Betane

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### **New Moon Fellowship**

23 Mar: 2 p.m. Ostara  
4 May: 2 p.m. Beltane Celebration  
22 June: 2 p.m. Litha

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### **Jewish Community**

13 Mar: 6 p.m. Purim  
13 Apr: 7 p.m. Passover Seder

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### **Muslim Community**

March 7-8; 14-15; 21-22; 28-29  
From 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Ramadan

## Army Information Update

Because information is power, we are informing you each personally and inspiring you to pass it along.

### **Personally Procured Moves (PPM) Petition**

*the rest of this moving story*

On 6 January 2025 a petition was started regarding Personally Procured Moves (PPM) reimbursement under the Global Household Goods Contract (GHC). Several items in the petition are inaccurate and risk misleading Soldiers about their actual move entitlements. This document aims to provide accurate information and additional background so that Army families can make informed choices about their next move.

A Personally Procured Move (PPM) is when a Soldier elects to move their own personal property instead of using a moving company contracted by the Department of Defense (DOD). Soldiers may elect to do a full PPM or partial PPM. Soldiers are paid what the DOD would have paid the government contractor to conduct their move, minus any applicable taxes or contract specific fee.

The Department of Defense and Army recognize there are many reasons a Service member and family may choose to coordinate their own move instead of using a DOD-arranged move. We agree that choice is a good thing! To facilitate this choice, the government offers Service members the option of using the Global Household Goods Contractor (HomeSafe Alliance) at locations where GHC is phased in or taking the money that would have been paid to the GHC contractor (minus contract specific fee) to pack, load, transport, and deliver the property, and moving their household goods themselves. Service members who elect to do a PPM can use the money any way they wish for a move – for example, use their own truck, rent a U-Haul truck, and, or use a container service like PODS. Service members may also research and hire a commercial moving company to independently move their personal property. However, if they choose this option, DOD and the Army do not provide any legal protections to assist Service members if their move does not go as expected.

The change.org petition objects to the government constructed cost (GCC) but inaccurately states how the GCC amount is determined. The GCC is not what HomeSafe pays a subcontractor, but DOD would have paid HomeSafe for a specific move if it were a GHC move. The GHC pricing rate table, which was part of the Global Household Goods Contract that all GHC offerors submitted rates upon, determines the GCC and is based upon weight, distance, location, and other variables. Current DOD policy has elected to give Service members 100% of the money paid to HomeSafe to pack, load, transport, and deliver the property if they chose to do a PPM instead of a DOD arranged move.

1. **WHAT IS THE PPM RATE?** The same as the transportation rates for a GHC move. There is not a separate PPM rate. There is only one GHC pricing rate table which is not publicly available because it is proprietary. This is why Service members are required to work with their local transportation office to plan the unique aspects of their move to determine their actual PPM reimbursement amount.

Our Goal: Every Army Spouse & Family are Aware of Big Army Information, Efforts, and Initiatives.

2. **WHO CREATED THE GHC PRICING RATE TABLE?** USTRANSCOM created a blank Rate Table as part of the bidding process for the Global Household Good Contract. It is based upon many variables, largely determined by geographic service areas, weight, and distance the property will be moved. It's important to know that the GHC bidding process was not based on the lowest bidder but on a best-value model and reflects market-based conditions.
3. **WE USED TO GET MORE MONEY FOR A PPM. WHAT CHANGED?** DOD's household goods moving program is transitioning from its current structure to a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) based contract. The GHC contract drives the GHC contractor to provide the best service at the best price for DOD. Compared to the private sector, the government was not getting the quality, consistent service for the price it was paying to move service members. When the military solicited the GHC contract, the resulting GHC offers reflected a full and open competition that resulted in market-based rates. For example, a move that used to cost the Army \$18,000 may now cost thousands less. Annually, the GHC contract includes an Economic Price Adjustment reflect economic changes, similar to a Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA).
4. **BUT THE AMOUNT NOW OFTEN DOES NOT COVER THE COST OF A PPM.** DOD is offering a choice for Service members to take more control over their move if desired. If the Service member chooses to make their own move, the government is going to reimburse the Service member 100% of what it would have cost the government to move them. The government is NOT COVERING the difference between what they can move the Service member for and what it will cost for a PPM. The petition rightly points out a PPM is not about making money. We agree!
5. **WHO HELPS US DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF MOVE?** The PPM process is managed by each Military Service. This includes counseling, rate estimate, PPM approval, PPM closeout, and payment. Service members are required to meet with their [Personal Property Office](#) before every move to ensure they understand their actual move entitlements and options to decide how to conduct their move. Soldiers see the estimated amount of money that they will be reimbursed before making the final decision to conduct a PPM.
6. **IS HOMESAFE PROVIDING QUALITY MOVES?** USTRANSCOM and the Services are actively and regularly engaging HomeSafe to measure their performance and ensure it meets our standards and expectations DOD has begun to see instances where HomeSafe missed the mark. They suffered from missed and late shipments, due to not enough trained movers in their consortium and reports of some movers who walked off in the middle of their jobs. USTRANSCOM and the Services made it clear that the government expects improved performance.
7. **WHAT IS THE ARMY DOING?** Since learning about this issue, we want to make sure our Army families understand the facts about what caused the PPM change, and why. Additionally, we have contacted USTRANSCOM and are going to work with the other military services to ensure we have the correct PPM reimbursement policy in place during DOD's ongoing moving program transition to GHC. DOD has an established

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process and committee in place to the PPM reimbursement rate.

#### 8. WHAT CAN CUSTOMERS DO TO ENSURE A SMOOTH MOVE?

- Be sure you know what to expect and you [prepare properly for your move](#).
- Be aware a Move Inspector from your installation will be assigned to your move. That inspector will either call or stop in-person to visit you and see how the move is going. If this does not happen, contact your [Personal Property Office](#) or [Army Community Service Relocation Readiness](#) to help.
- Be on the lookout for the DoD's official Personal Property survey after your move is complete. It will be emailed to whatever email address you put in the MilMove (the government's onboarding system you accessed via [insert MOS page or DPS landing page here to ensure use of GHC Sort Tool]). It's really important to take the time to fill this out as HomeSafe's performance and future ability to continue business with the DOD is impacted by your responses. Early GHC evaluations show a 93% satisfaction rate, however only 34% of the surveys were filled out. *If you want your voice heard, please make the time to complete the survey after your move.*

#### 9. MORE RESOURCES:

- [DOD's "Moving Your Personal Property" Landing page on Military OneSource](#)
- [Find a Personal Property Office](#)
- [GHC Customer Information Page](#)
- [Fact Sheet](https://www.militaryonesource.mil/products/personally-procured-moves-using-milmove-1415/)<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/products/personally-procured-moves-using-milmove-1415/> on Personally Procured Moves Using MilMove (under GHC). [Department of Transportation Warning about Rogue Movers](#)

## Want to Know More?

### 1. **MOVING ACRONYMS**

DOT – Department of Transportation  
DP3 – Defense Personal Property Program  
GCC – Government Constructed Cost  
GHC – Global Household Goods Contract  
HHG – Household Goods  
PPM – Personally Procured Move  
TOS – Tender of Service

- ### 2. **WHO WON THE GLOBAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS CONTRACT?** HomeSafe Alliance won the contract. Think of them as the head of a consortium of movers. Moving companies sign on to do the actual moves. HomeSafe is using their IT Platforms and algorithms to most efficiently and effectively coordinate and execute moves. HomeSafe is always working to build their network of moving companies.
- ### 3. **IN THE ARMY, WHO PAYS FOR THE MOVES?** Paying for every Army moves comes out of the total Army budget. That means what the Army spends on moving, we cannot spend on other important things like Soldier training, weapon modernization, housing, and pay. Like you, the government wants quality work performed at a great price point.
- ### 4. **DOES HOMESAFE MANAGE PPMs, TOO?** No- HomeSafe has nothing to do with PPMs. Each service manages their own PPMs and the GCC reflects what HomeSafe is paid. Each service pays that same amount to their Service members who choose to do a PPM.

# Department of Public Works (DPW)- Environmental

## Comingle Bins

You can include a wide range of items in your commingle bin, such as plastic, paper, and metal! Other items like household hazardous waste or trash never belong in your bin. For detailed information on what can be recycled, refer to the commingle flyer.

### RECYCLING

**PREPARATION**  
empty · clean (quick rinse) · no lids

**PLASTIC**

Recycle plastics by shape. Ignore numbers/symbols on packaging.

bottles (non-prescription ok) jugs tubs buckets (remove handle)

**PAPER**

mixed paper boxes and bags cardboard (flat)

**METAL**

aluminum cans metal cans

**NO GLASS  
NO PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP  
NO BAGGED RECYCLABLES**

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<https://home.army.mil/lewis-mcchord>  
253.966.1734

### GARBAGE

Want to know why some things belong in the garbage?  
[piercecountywa.gov/reminders](http://piercecountywa.gov/reminders)

crinkly plastics all cartons plastic packaging foam trays and containers aluminum foil, pans and plates

**SINGLE-USE ITEMS:**

paper plates paper towels and napkins paper cups plastic cups utensils and straws coffee pods

all lids greasy pizza boxes shredded paper (use a shred event) prescription bottles

**NO ELECTRONICS  
NO HAZARDOUS WASTE**

### DROP-OFF

Find locations for these items plus options for electronics, appliances, mattresses, clothing, foam packaging and more: [piercecountywa.gov/recyclemenu](http://piercecountywa.gov/recyclemenu)

Bring glass, toner cartridges and electronics to our recycling centers (open Tue-Sat 0730-1600)

JBLM-Main: Nevada Ave McChord Field: 516 South Gate Rd (near commissary)



plastic bags and wrap  
(at participating grocery stores)



household hazards

## Stormwater

Please help keep our waterways and communities clean by reporting stormwater findings! Reportable findings include car washing or maintenance in streets or driveways, street flooding, or anything other than rain down a storm drain. Email [usarmy.jblm.id-readiness.list.dpw-stormwater@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.jblm.id-readiness.list.dpw-stormwater@army.mil) to report findings. Keeping our stormwater clean means keeping our waterways clean. See our flyer on the next page!

# REPORT STORMWATER FINDINGS TO JBLM'S STORMWATER TEAM

## REPORTABLE FINDINGS INCLUDE:

CAR WASHING IN DRIVEWAYS OR  
STREETS



ANYTHING OTHER THAN RAIN  
DOWN A STORM DRAIN



CAR MAINTENANCE IN DRIVEWAYS  
OR STREETS



STREET FLOODING



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REPORT  
FINDINGS



REPORT ALL SPILLS TO  
JBLM 911

# Department of Public Works (DPW)-Transportation Systems

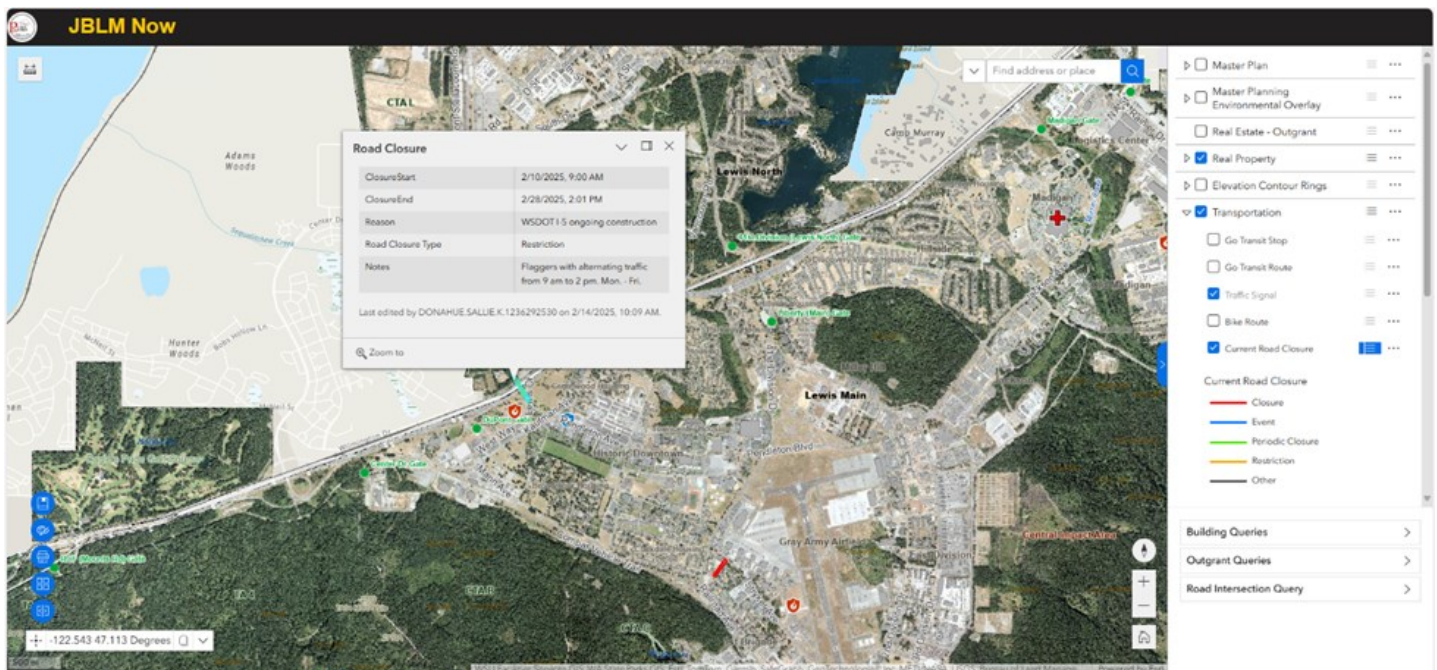
## Road Work Information is now posted on JBLM Now!



Road work information is now posted on JBLM Now. The layer with the information can be found under Transportation with the Current Road Closure layer turned on. Once on if you click on the feature the pop-up will have the information as shown below.

The map can be found at: [JBLM Geo Portal including Work Order Portal \(CAC and Registration Required\)](#)

The portal is updated and new information uploaded at least twice a week with the work appearing two days before the start of the event.



### Lewis Main:

- **Pershing Circle Roundabout between Liggett Ave and Kaufman Ave** will be closed on 1 MAR 2025 from 7am to 3:30 pm to replace the old Garrison sign in front of B. 1010.
- **Pendleton Ave at the underpass between Lewis Main and Lewis North**, the contractor for WSDOT will alternate traffic through the work zone between 9 am to 2 pm from 3 thru 7 MAR 2025 as part of the ongoing Phase 3 work.
- **S 14th St and Mann Ave from Stryker Ave to Railroad Ave** will undergo reconstruction from 10 FEB to 2 MAY 2025. The work is scheduled in two phases:
  - ◇ **Phase 1:** S 14<sup>th</sup> St from Stryker Ave to Mann Ave will be closed from 10 FEB to 21 MAR 2025.
  - ◇ **Phase 2:** Mann Ave from 41<sup>st</sup> Division Drive to S 14<sup>th</sup> St and S 14<sup>th</sup> St from Mann Ave to Railroad Ave will be closed from 24 MAR to 2 JUNE 2025.

- **N 22nd St between Pierce Ave and Miller Hill Ave and Miller Hill Ave** will be closed 4 to 6 MAR 2025 for American Water to install a manhole and sanitary sewer line for the new UEPH being constructed.

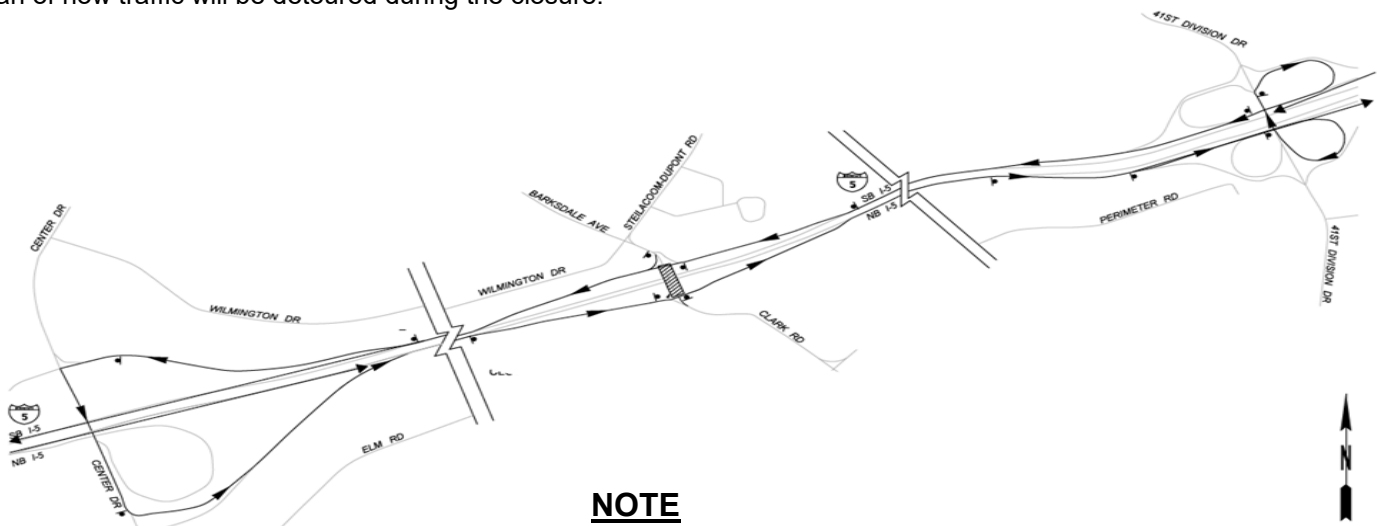
### **McChord:**

- **Carter Lake Housing Area and Lincoln Blvd underwent water line replacement** from 25 SEP 2024 to 28 FEB 2025 by American Water. Work involved single lane closures. Residents affected were notified of the closures/ detours. Restoration work in the areas will continue until March/ April 2025 with minor road disturbances.

### **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.
- **I-5's Main Line will have Full Closures** to set girders for the new Steilacoom DuPont bridge. The work will take place four evenings in APRIL beginning at 10:00 PM and opening at 6:00 AM with the dates of the closures as follows:
  - ◇ Fri., 4 APR 2025
  - ◇ Sat., 5 APR 2025
  - ◇ Fri., 11 APR 2025
  - ◇ Sat., 12 APR 2025

The detour for NB and SB I-5 will be to take exit 119 and go up and around the work zone. Below shows a simplified plan of how traffic will be detoured during the closure.



On Lewis-North a traffic study will be conducted 24 thru 27 MARCH 2025 at most of the intersections on LN. Personnel will be conducting traffic and pedestrian counts at the intersections. Please use caution if these activities are observed, to avoid accidents.

On Lewis-Main and in the Logistic Center, consultant personnel will be performing a PAVER inspection on asphalt and concrete pavements to determine their conditions. Personnel will be wearing reflection gear and will be assessing roads, parking lots, and motor pools' condition to help determine future maintenance projects. Your assistance in providing access to all areas needing survey will help DPW and JBLM best forecast pavement maintenance requirements and priorities.

The inspection will be conducted 18-27 MAR 2025 and 14-23 APR 2025.

# Lincoln Military Housing (LMH)



**MARCH 3RD  
- MAY 1ST**



**Submit your survey and you could  
have a chance to WIN!**

CEL & Associates, Inc. will conduct a weekly drawing out of those who have submitted their Tenant Satisfaction Survey. Each week the winners will be awarded a **\$50 gift card.**

After the TSS survey closes on May 1st, CEL will conduct two more grand prize drawings. Two winners will be awarded a **\$750 gift card and a \$250 gift card.**

Didn't receive your  
survey? Scan to  
request it today!

*Must be primary email on file with housing*





### **What is the Tenant Satisfaction Survey (TSS)?**

TSS is a DoD survey that is provided to all residents living in military installation housing. The survey will consist of rating your satisfaction with our services, your home, amenities and overall housing experience.

### **Who provides the survey?**

The TSS survey is spearheaded and funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and is managed by a third-party provider, CEL & Associates Inc. Liberty Military Housing supplies CEL, with all resident emails who then sends out the survey.

### **Who sees the survey?**

The survey results are confidential and anonymous. Only CEL & Associates Inc. has access to the results of any individual survey. Liberty Military Housing only has access to the reporting in a summarized format.

### **Why is the survey important?**

JBLM Government Partners, along with Liberty continue to use the data to make strides toward near-term and future plans that will improve housing, resident service, community amenities and other decisions and investments regarding privatized housing.

### **How do I get the survey?**

The survey is emailed by CEL & Associates to only the primary email on file with housing. Only one resident per household may submit the survey.

### **What if I don't get the survey on March 3rd?**

If you do not receive the CEL email by March 3rd, email [ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com](mailto:ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com) to obtain a survey link. You must provide your installation name, resident name and home address. CEL requires this to verify that you are a current resident.



OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0704-0553  
OMB EXPIRATION DATE: 05/31/2025



# Spouses Club of Lewis-McChord



## Team McChord Spouses Forum—Open to all Spouses of JBLM!

A promotional poster for the Team McChord Spouse Forum. The background is a light yellow with decorative orange and green circular patterns and leaf motifs. At the top, "Team McChord" is written in a bold blue font. To the right is a logo featuring a blue airplane flying over a mountain range, with "Team McChord" written below it. The word "Spouse" is in a large, green, cursive font, and "Forum" is in a blue, cursive font. Below this, the text "Open to all spouses of JBLM" is written in a black, cursive font. The event details are listed in a green, sans-serif font: "Date: 13 March", "Time: 5:30-6:30pm", and "Location: Chapel Support Center". A paragraph of text follows: "Do you have questions about current events? Want to learn about what's happening on the installation? Come out to get the latest news from our Air Force Leaders. There will be an unclassified Intel Brief and plenty of time for Q&A's." At the bottom, there are two columns. The left column says "Sign Up Today!" above a blue QR code, with a green arrow pointing to it. The right column says "Have questions? Send them here to get them addressed at the forum!" above a black and white QR code, also with a green arrow pointing to it.

**Team McChord**

*Team McChord*

# Spouse Forum

*Open to all spouses of JBLM*

**Date: 13 March**  
**Time: 5:30-6:30pm**  
**Location: Chapel Support Center**

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**Sign Up Today!**



Have questions? Send them here to get them addressed at the forum!





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## Enable-Support-Deliver



## Did you know...

These are some of the significant events that happened in March throughout the years.

- MARCH 1, 1961. Peace Corps is established.
- MARCH 2, 1965. Operation Rolling Thunder begins during the Vietnam War.
- MARCH 3, 1865. Congress approves the establishment of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.
- MARCH 5, 1770. Colonists and British soldiers clash at the Boston Massacre.
- MARCH 6, 1836. The Battle of the Alamo comes to an end.
- MARCH 12, 1947. "Truman Doctrine" is presented to Congress.
- MARCH 13. K9 Veterans Day
- MARCH 19, 2003. President George W. Bush initiates war against Iraq
- MARCH 23, 1775. "Give me liberty, or give me death!" speech is given by Patrick Henry