

Special points of interest:

- Celebrating the Army's Birthday with Heritage Week!
- Celebrate the Doolittle Raiders!
- April is Month of the Military Child

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Welcome to April!

April. The month where the world truly wakes up, shaking off the last vestiges of winter's slumber and bursting forth in a burst of color and life. April is a month of renewal, of rebirth, a promise whispered on the gentle breezes that warmer days are ahead.

Think of the vibrant greens of new leaves unfurling on the branches, the delicate pastels of blossoming flowers pushing their way through the earth. Imagine the sweet scent of damp soil, the chirping chorus of birdsong filling the air. These are the corporeal delights that April brings, a symphony of nature's awakening.

But April isn't just about the natural world. It's a month of hope, of fresh starts. It's a time to plant seeds, both literally and figuratively, to nurture new ideas and dreams. It's a time to embrace change, to welcome the opportunities that come with growth and transformation.

April also holds a sense of playful mischief, a touch of the unpredictable. April Fool's Day reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously, to find joy in the unexpected. It encourages a lightheartedness that can be a welcome antidote to the stresses of daily life.

So, let us celebrate April. Let us embrace its vibrant

energy, its promise of new beginnings, and its gentle reminder to find joy in the simple things. Let us step outside and breathe in the fresh air, feel the warmth of the sun on our faces, and appreciate the beauty that surrounds us. Let us make the most of this month of renewal and embrace the possibilities that April holds.



Did You Know...Lawnmower Accidents

Lawnmower accidents cause 85,000 injuries/year in the U.S., cost on average is \$37K per inpatient stay due to injury, you're also more likely to be killed by a lawnmower than sharks, alligators, snakes, spiders, cows, and dogs combined, and 1 in 5 lawnmower injuries require amputation.

Don't be a statistic! Remember to keep safety in mind when taking care of your lawn!

<https://housegrail.com/lawnmower-accident-statistics/>





SAVE THE DATE!



I Corps and JBLM Army Heritage Week

09-14 June 2025

Questions? jblmarmy250@army.mil or
jblmarmy250@gmail.com

**Army Heritage Golf
Event
Morning
June 14, 2025**

**Army 250th
Birthday Ball
June 14, 2025
\$125/Ticket**

83rd ANNIVERSARY
DOOLITTLE RAID TOAST
APRIL 17TH, 2025



McChord Field Chapter Monthly Meeting : Commemorating the Doolittle Raid

Please plan to join us on Thursday April 17th at McChord Field to commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the famous Doolittle Raid

Our guest speaker will be 62 AW Commander Col. Sergio Anaya.

As we raise a toast to the brave and selfless service of these incredible American warriors, you're invited to stay and share your memories and learn more about the raid afterwards.

AFA McChord Chapter 334 Hosting

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Air Museum Restoration Hangar, Bldg 300/301



Sponsored by Harborstone Federal Credit Union.

Questions? 703-887-1180

Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC)



An Update From Madigan Army Medical Center For Our Patients

Madigan is happy to announce

that beneficiaries enrolled at the Madigan's Family Medicine Clinic can take advantage of increased appointment availability throughout March and April. To schedule an appointment, please call the Appointment Line at

800-404-4506



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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*



Scan me



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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 for web chat and video chat, or dial
1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1.



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Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC)



Attention West Region Beneficiaries

Payment Deadline:

The deadline to make your payment is April 30.

Referral Approval Waiver:

Referral approvals are waived through April 30.



Do you pay for your TRICARE coverage using a bank electronic funds transfer, credit card, or debit card? If so, and you haven't done so already, **you must securely provide your recurring payment information to the West Region contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance.** You have until **Wednesday, April 30, 2025** to submit your payment.

If you have TRICARE Prime, you should also know that the Defense Health Agency has extended the West Region referral approval waiver through **April 30, 2025**. This means TRICARE-authorized specialty care providers don't need to wait for TriWest to approve referrals issued by your primary care manager before providing outpatient care.

For more details, visit [Tricare.mil](https://www.tricare.mil) or 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

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



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Directorate of Human Resources (DHR)

UPDATE...

BLUF: Education Centers can no longer submit Manual Tuition Assistance Requests (TAR) with in 7 days of the Start Date.

Per the Army Credentialing and Continuing Education Services for Soldiers (ACCESS) Field Call on 5 Mar-2025, no one is authorized to submit a TAR later than seven (7) days prior to the term start date - No Manual TAR creations for Soldier's who missed the TAR enrollment deadline (60-7 days). Therefore, we advise letting Soldiers know to apply for TA as soon as their 60 day window opens to avoid any issues in requesting TA the week before classes start.

In the previous portal go Army Ed, Soldier's had to submit their TA Request no later than 3 days prior to start date. Since Army Ignited portal 2.0 began (August 2022) it has had the 7 day window that was the Air Force requirement. We were able to submit manual requests with in the 7 days with ESO approval but now we cannot. Soldiers must have request submitted 7 days prior to the class start date or they will have to take the class at a future date. Soldiers can enter a request starting 60 days prior to start date.

Save the Date...

Get ready for another Fill the Ruck event this up coming September. This fantastic event allows Service Members to build cohesion, morale, esprit d' corps, and mental resiliency.



One conversation can
change everything...

Will YOU ruck with us?

**Fill the
Ruck**
4.1 miles

Build:
Team Cohesion
Esprit d'Corps
Mental Resiliency

- 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



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>



Directorate of Human Resources (DHR)TRANSITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**JBLM Networking & Career Fairs***Updated: 3/12/2025*

27 March 2025	11am to 3pm	Job Fair ALCC
9 April 2025	10am to 2pm	*First Responder Hiring Event
1 May 2025	1pm to 4pm	*TAP Too (Spouse Event) - HCC
18 June 2025	10am to 2pm	*Health Care Hiring Event - HCC
25 June 2025	11am to 3pm	Job Fair ALCC
23 July 2025	10am to 2pm	*Federal Hiring Event
7 August 2025	11am to 1pm	Job Fair ALCC
27 August 2025	10am to 2pm	*IT Career Hiring Fair
17-18 September 2025	8am to 5pm	*HOH & JBLM Career Summit 2025
16 October 2025	11am to 3pm	Job Fair ALCC
		*Free of charge

Sector Events are held at the American Lake Conference Center (ALCC)

Includes employer presentations with Q&A session and networking opportunities.

Hawk Career Center Hiring Fair, Wednesday's 11am to 1pm:

<u>2025 Hawk</u>	<u>2025 Hawk</u>	<u>2025 McChord</u>
	July 9, 23, 30	January 14
	August 6, 13, 20, 27	March 11
March 5, 12, 19, 26	September 10, 24	May 13
April 2, 16, 23, 30	October 1, 8, 22, 29	July 8
May 7, 14, 21	November 5, 19	November 18
June 4, 11, 18, 25	December 3, 10, 17	

TAP Events are open to all Service Members, Veterans, Reservists, National Guard, Military Spouses and all DoD ID Card holders.

* TAP Sponsored Event

Updated: 3/12/2025

**TRANSITION**
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Updated: 3/12/2025

JBLM Networking & Career Fairs

Hiring Our Heroes & JBLM Career Summit 2025:

HOH & JBLM Career Summit; 17-18 September 2025, Join us for a free career summit for Service Members, veterans, and military spouses. This event features leadership from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, local community leaders, key federal & state agencies, influential military leaders, and innovators in the business and employer community. [HOH Career Summits Event Calendar](#)

TAP Too (Spouse Event):

The Joint Base Lewis-McChord Directorate of Human Resources and the Transition Assistance Program will be hosting the first ever TAP Too Workshop and appreciation event for spouses of transitioning service members Thursday, 1 May 2025 from 10am to 2pm.

Washington State Agency Hiring Event:

The VERG exists to help integrate the experience, values, and knowledge of both veterans, service members, and spouses in state employment. The VERG shall provide advice and assistance to state agencies on veteran recruitment, retention, and development strategies in accordance with the Government Executive Order 19-01. The VERG assists state agencies in support of existing state employees who have served as members and spouses of members of the armed forces through recognition, resource identification, and mentorship. [VERG Quarterly Hiring Event: 08MAY25, 10JUL25, 11SEP25](#)

IT Career Hiring Fair:

The IT Career Hiring Fair takes place twice a year at the American Lake Conference Center, JBLM. This TAP sponsored event brings industry leaders focused on the IT industry from across the country. This is your opportunity to interview face-to-face with 50+ Industry Leading Companies in the IT field seeking talented, experienced and enthusiastic candidates. This event will be taking place on **05FEB25** and **27AUG25**.

First Responder Hiring Fair:

The First Responder Hiring Fair brings agencies from across America to offer opportunities in this in demand field. This TAP sponsored event is held annually and brings 50+ agencies offering opportunities nationwide. The 2025 event will take place at the American Lake Conference Center, JBLM on 9 April 2025.

Healthcare Hiring Fair:

This sector-based hiring event is geared towards opportunities in the Healthcare Industry. This annual event will be taking place at the Hawk Career Center on 18 June 2025.

For continuous job/event information:

www.linkedin.com/in/jblm-tap

<https://www.facebook.com/JBLMUnlimited>

TAP Events are open to all Service Members, Veterans, Reservists, National Guard, Military Spouses and all DoD ID Card holders.

* TAP Sponsored Event

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April 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 Resume & Cover Letters (WS) 0930 V	2 Hawk Hiring Fair 11-1 IP Course of Action USA Jobs (ERP) 9-12 SFAC IP	3 HBB: Be Your Own Boss (ERP) 9-12 SFAC IP M2M CAMPS Orientation 9-12 IP Interviewing (WS) 1-4 V	4
7 Career Skills Brief (CSP) 11am-12pm: Hawk Auditorium IP Effective Resumes (WS) 1100 V	8 National Virtual Career Fair for Veterans (RM) 9am-1pm V USA Jobs Virtual WS (WS) 1000 V	9 First Responder Hiring Event 10am IP ALCC	10 VA Claims: Path to Care (WDVA) 0830 IP HCC JBLM Garrison Hiring Fair 12pm—2pm IP HCC Interviewing Techniques (WS) 1330 V	11
14 Career Skills Brief (CSP) 11am-12pm: Hawk Auditorium IP Job Search Strategies (WS) 1100 V	15 Resume & Cover Letters (WS) 0930 V	16 Navigating USA Jobs & The Federal Resume (NAVFAC) 9-11 Hawk Hiring Fair 11-1 IP	17 AGR Quarterly Retirement Brief 0800 IP HCC Resource Event 0900-1200 IP HCC Interview Skills by Dept of Labor (ERP) 9-11 SFAC IP Salary Negotiations by Dept of Labor (ERP) 13-15 SFAC IP	18 Linked In for Beginners (WS) 1000 V DONSA
21 Career Skills Brief (CSP) 11am-12pm: Hawk Auditorium IP DONSA	22 Resume & Cover Letter (WS) 0930 V	23 Hawk Hiring Fair 11-1 IP	24 Mastering Linked In (USO) 8am V Interviewing Techniques (WS) 1330 V	25
28 Mindset of Success (WS) 1000 V Career Skills Brief (CSP) 11am-12pm: Hawk Auditorium IP	29 Resume Workshop (USO) 8am V Resume & Cover Letter (WS) 0930 V	30 Hawk Hiring Fair 11-1 IP	<div> <p>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.</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 (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	www.facebook.com/JBLMUnlimited
Transition Assistance Program (TAP)	HCC Room 124	253-967-3258	usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-tap@army.mil
Apprenti		425-559-2527	
Boots To Shoes Mentorship	Virtual Services Available	253-226-4099	
Business Impact NW—Boots 2 Business	vboc@businessimpactnw.org		
Career Skills Program (CSP)	HCC Room 124	usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-career-skills-program@army.mil	
Career Team— Employment Assistance and Spouse Ambassador Program (253) 593-7300 jblm@careerteam.com			
City of Tacoma Veteran Employment Workshops	https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma/jobs/2968374/veterans-informational-workshops?pagetype=transferJobs		
Hiring Our Heroes Fellowships	Zoom Orientation Thursday 1530	202-597-0520	
HOH Military Spouse Fellowship		202-680-4784	
DSHS		360-407-4708	
Employment Readiness Program (ERP)		253-477-9675	Appointments: https://jblmerp.timetap.com
Goodwill Military and Veteran Services	Virtual Services Available	Contact: vetservicesinfo@goodwillwa.org	
Hire Military		skillbridge@tenovallc.com	www.hiremilitary.us
Military to Manufacturing	Workshops		
Onward to Opportunity			
WorkEx	www.workexmilitary.org		
Stone Education Center - MY Education - Transition Track		253-967-7295 usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-aces-customer-inquiry@army.mil	
USO Transitions	Bldg. 2201 12th & Pendleton	253-459-3425	
USAJobs Workshop			
VA Claims			jblmvabenefits@dva.wa.gov
VIE-25	HCC Room 215		
WorkSource JBLM (WS)	Virtual Services Available	253-593-7320	worksourcejblm@esd.wa.gov www.WorkSourceWA.com

Notes:

WorkEx Orientations available anytime online at: 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/whht/>

How can I attend the Reserve brief?

Please email us at 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.

Armed Forces Community Service

The poster features a vibrant illustration of a family—a father carrying a child on his shoulders, a mother pushing a stroller, and two children walking—against a backdrop of rolling green hills, blue mountains, and a sky with birds. The title 'FAMILY ADVENTURE WALK' is written in large, bold, green letters with a white outline. Above it, the text 'Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge' is written in a cursive font. In the top left corner, there are logos for 'JBLM MWR' and 'AFCS'. In the top right corner, there is a QR code with the text 'SCAN FOR DIRECTIONS'. A circular inset on the right shows a collection of items including a map, a water bottle, and a bag, with the text 'FREE ADVENTURE BAGS' overlaid. At the bottom, the date and time 'Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m.' are prominently displayed, followed by the location '100 Brown Farm Rd NE, Olympia, WA 98516 (Sign-in begins at 9:30 a.m.)'. A yellow banner contains the text 'Easy, family-friendly trails • Guided walk with a Park Ranger • Free America the Beautiful National Park Pass'. Below this, a paragraph describes the walk as a family-friendly experience. Another paragraph mentions that the walk is open to families with children of all ages and that dogs are not allowed. At the very bottom, a yellow banner provides contact information for the AFCS Family Advocacy Program.

AFCS
Armed Forces Community Service
Real Life Solutions for Successful Military Lives

JBLM MWR

SCAN FOR DIRECTIONS

**Billy Frank Jr.
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge**

**FAMILY
ADVENTURE
WALK**

**FREE
ADVENTURE
BAGS**

Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m.
100 Brown Farm Rd NE, Olympia, WA 98516 (Sign-in begins at 9:30 a.m.)

Easy, family-friendly trails • Guided walk with a Park Ranger • Free America the Beautiful National Park Pass

Get ready for an unforgettable experience with your loved ones! Our Family Adventure Walk is specifically designed for families with young explorers, offering an easy and fun-filled walk that is perfect for all ages. Immerse yourselves in the beauty of nature, breathe in the fresh air, and discover the wonders that await you on our exciting trails.

Open to families with children of all ages! Join us rain or shine. You'll want to bring comfortable shoes, water, and a sense of adventure! Dogs not allowed.

For more information contact AFCS Family Advocacy Program at (253) 967-5901. No registration required.



Armed Forces Community Service



EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

Service Member and Family Assistance Center

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

Classes open to all DoD ID Cardholders

Spring Forward in Your Career

APRIL Course of Action to USA Jobs, 9 a.m.–Noon**2**

Join our seminar to strategically navigate USAJOBS, refine your application materials, and gain key insights on federal job requirements and interview strategies for career success.

APRIL Home-Based Business: Be Your Own Boss, 9–11 a.m.**3**

Explore the rewards and challenges of entrepreneurship, gaining insights on managing finances, marketing, and customer service while embracing the entrepreneurial freedom.

APRIL The Complete Federal Résumé, 9 a.m.–Noon**16**

This federal résumé writing class teaches you how to craft tailored résumés, highlight key accomplishments, and optimize for specific vacancies, with a free expert résumé review.

APRIL Interview Skills - Hosted by Department of Labor, 9–11 a.m.**17**

Learn expert tips, proven strategies, and personalized coaching to help you confidently navigate job interviews and effectively respond to challenging interview questions.

APRIL Salary Negotiations - Hosted by Department of Labor, 1–3 p.m.**17**

Master the art of salary negotiation. Learn effective strategies, communication techniques, and negotiation tactics to confidently advocate for your worth.



Scan the QR code to register or visit
www.jblmerp.timetap.com
For questions call (253) 477-WORK

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

MWR Information

Find details on MWR programming and special events at [JBLM MWR \(armymwr.com\)](http://jblm.mwr.army.mil).

(Subject to cancellation; please stay tuned to [JBLM MWR - Home](#) | [Facebook](#) for the latest information.)

AMC/Family Day: Friday, April 18 and DONSA: Monday, April 21

Facility Closures

Location	Closure Duration	Purpose
Outdoor Pickleball Courts at McVeigh Fitness Center	When completed.	Resurfacing as part of Annual Work Plan.
Kimbrow Pool – Wading Pool	Expected opening: April	Electrical panel repairs.
Arts & Crafts Center: temporary location, Adventures Unlimited, 739 Battery Rd., McChord Field.	September	HVAC renovation.
Eagle's Pride Golf Course Restrooms	When completed.	Plumbing work; temporary restrooms and hand washing stations are available.
Soldiers Field House Pool	When completed.	HVAC repair; Kimbro Main Pool has reopened. See Aquatics web page for schedule and details.
McChord Fitness Center Locker Room	September	Updates; restrooms are still available.
Sounders	April 10–12	Remodeling.
Soldiers Field House	Until April 28	Floor resurfacing.

April is...

April is Month of the Military Child! Event listings are available [online](#), special articles are included in Explore JBLM magazine and Kids' Fest is on Saturday, April 26.

April is also National Child Abuse Prevention Month. AFCS [Family Advocacy Program](#) offers events for families to enjoy together. Wearing blue attire on Wednesdays in April is encouraged as a way to raise awareness for prevention of child abuse.

Explore JBLM

A new issue of [Explore JBLM magazine](#) is available online. Flip through the pages to discover all the options for springtime fun here at JBLM as you read. (Print copies are not available at this time.)

Family Bingo

JBLM families are invited to a free [Family Bingo](#) event on Saturday, April 5 at the MWR Fest Tent! Each family will receive a pack of bingo cards and markers. Additional bingo cards, food and beverages will be available for purchase. This event will mix both low-key (first four games) and high-energy games to encourage fun for everyone. Doors will open at 3 p.m. and bingo starts at 4 p.m.

Lifeguard Training Class

JBLM offers [lifeguard training classes](#) for free! Classes (open to ages 15 and older) are composed of online content and one weekend's worth of in person learning. This month, the class will be held Friday, April 11–Sunday, April 13. To become a lifeguard student, call 253-967-5026 to schedule an in-water swim test at least two days prior to class.

JBLM's MWR Spring Online Auction

Discover great deals available through [JBLM's MWR Spring Online Auction](#) (open to those with installation access). Some items available include abandoned vehicles, used furniture, gym equipment, boats, kayaks, campers and even electronics. The online auction is Monday, April 14–Saturday, May 3. For additional details, view the spring auction web page.

Easter Events

Teens in grades 6–12 are invited to Hillside Youth Center for the [Teen Easter Egg Hunt](#) on Friday, April 11 beginning at 6 p.m. Families with younger children (grade 5 and below) are invited to the Lewis North Athletic Complex for an [Easter Egg-stravaganza](#) on Saturday, April 19 from 11 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Both events are free to attend and open to MWR-eligible patrons and their sponsored guests.

Kids' Fest

This year's [Kids' Fest](#) theme is "Space: Where Military Kids Shine Like Stars." Before exploring the MWR Fest Tent and surrounding areas on Saturday, April 26 from Noon–4:30 p.m., head to Cowan Stadium for the [Armed Forces Kids Run](#) at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget to register for the race by Thursday, April 10, so your children can receive their T-shirts.

Parents' Night Out

The next [Parents' Night Out](#) will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 5–10 p.m. at Madigan CDC. Families registered with CYS may sign up their children ages 6 weeks of age–grade 5. The cost for Parents' Night Out is \$40 per child, and prepayments are required. Registration can be completed by calling Parent Central Services at 253-966-2977 by Friday, May 9.

Save the Date

- April 19: [Commander's Cup Ten-Miler](#).
- April 21-25: [Babysitting Class](#) at Hillside Youth Center.
- May 17: [Armed Forces Day](#).

Update: Fitness Centers and Pool

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

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.

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

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

More Information!

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
AFCS Family Advocacy Program presents

WEAR BLUE WEDNESDAYS
Wear blue every Wednesday in April to help raise awareness about child abuse prevention.
Tag us! @jblmafcs #capm25

Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge
FAMILY ADVENTURE WALK
Saturday, April 5
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge
100 Brown Farm Rd. NE, Olympia, WA 98516
Free adventure and mindfulness bags and snacks will be provided. Join us, rain or shine!

KIDS FEST
Saturday, April 26
12 – 4:30 p.m.
Look for us in the JBLM MWR Festival Tent!

NEW PARENT BOOT CAMP
Friday, April 4 & 25
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
American Lake Conference Center
8085 NCO Beach Rd., JBLM Lewis-North
Register at: jblmfamiladvocacy.timetap.com

FAMILY YOGA
April 14 from 10 – 11 a.m.
Yoga mats will be provided
2013A N. 3rd Street, JBLM Lewis-Main Room 111

TEEN YOGA
April 30 from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.
Non-members & guests are welcome!
Hillside Youth Center Teen Zone
6397 Garcia Blvd., JBLM Lewis-Main
Teen Zone is Free for military teens. To enroll call (253)967-4441

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Grandstaff Library
2109 N.10th & Pendleton
JBLM Lewis-Main
April 11 at 10 a.m. (Baby Storytime)
April 16 at 10 a.m. (Toddler Storytime)
April 22 at 10 a.m. (Ages 4-6)

McChord Library
851 Lincoln Blvd.
McChord Field
April 3 at 11 a.m. (All Ages)
April 24 at 11 a.m. (All Ages)

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM
Meet & Greet
Madigan CDC
April 3 from 3 – 5 p.m.
6995 Jackson Ave., JBLM Lewis-Main
Hillside CDC
April 10 from 3 – 5 p.m.
6398 Garcia Blvd., JBLM Lewis-Main
Clarkmoor CDC
April 17 from 3 – 5 p.m.
2095 Bitar Ave., JBLM Lewis-Main
McChord CDC (West)
April 17 from 3 – 5 p.m.
560 Lincoln Blvd., McChord Field

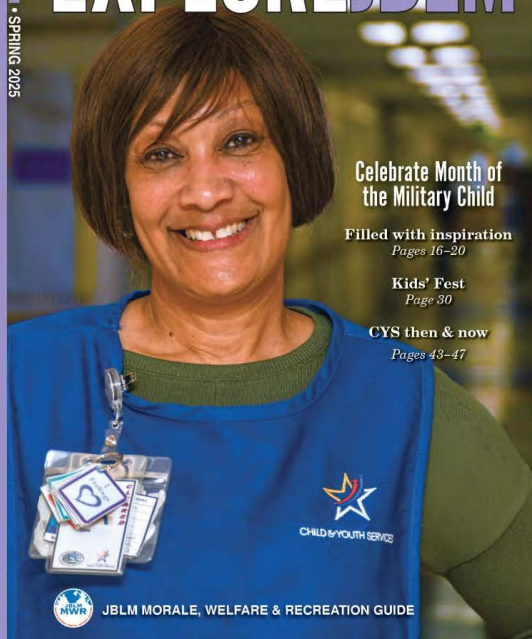
For more information contact AFCS Family Advocacy Program at (253) 967-5901

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SPRING 2025

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FAMILY BINGO!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

MUSIC • FUN • GREAT FAMILY PRIZES

Saturday, April 5
MWR Fest Tent
4 p.m. | Free*

Doors open 3 p.m.

*Every family will receive a pack of bingo cards & markers

FOOD, BEVERAGE
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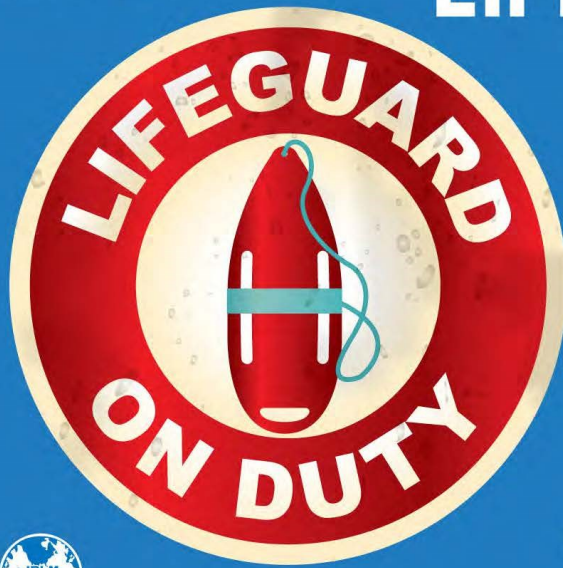
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LIFEGUARD TRAINING



April 11–13

May 2–4

June 13–15

Aug. 8–10

Sep. 12–14

Fridays:
5–10 p.m.

Saturdays &
Sundays:

9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



FREE!

For more info call 253-967-5026.
Ages 15 and older accepted.



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JBLM MWR'S SPRING ONLINE

AUCTION

April 14–May 3

Get great deals on abandoned vehicles,
used gym equipment, campers,
electronics, furniture and more!

Create an account and bid at
equip-bid.com/auction/landing/jblm

Open Viewings:

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23 &

Saturday, April 26

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Scan code
for viewing
locations &
more info





Teen Easter Egg Hunt

Prizes • Candy • Toys

Bring a basket to
collect your eggs.

Hillside Youth Center
Friday, April 11
6 p.m. — Grade 6
6:30 p.m. — Grades 7–8
7 p.m. — Grades 9–12

Open to all JBLM teens; you do not
need to be a registered member of
Hillside Youth Center to attend.



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SATURDAY, APRIL 19
LEWIS NORTH ATHLETIC COMPLEX

11 am: EFMP

Noon: Last names S–Z **2 pm:** Last names G–L
1 pm: Last names M–R **3 pm:** Last names A–F

Egg hunts will be divided into quadrants based on age
(18 months-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-7 years and 8-10 years).

Eggs collected will be exchanged for a "Bag-sket" filled with candy.

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

Parents' Night Out



Enjoy a kid-free night out.

Sign up by May 9

Cost: \$40 per child

Call 253-966-2977 to register.

Prepayment required.

Families must be registered with CYS.

Saturday, May 17, 5-10 p.m.
Madigan CDC

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Safety Tip

Importance of Labeling Containers

Container labeling refers to the practice of properly identifying hazardous substances when they are transferred from their original (primary) container to another container, known as the secondary container. Here are some key reasons why labeling chemical containers is important:

- **Preventing Accidents:** Proper labels on chemical bottles reduce dangerous mix-ups, spills, burns, and injuries.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Labeling ensures adherence to industry regulations, avoiding fines and legal issues.
- **Emergency Response:** Labeled bottles enable quick identification during emergencies, minimizing damage and health risks.
- **Storage & Disposal:** Labels provide critical information on hazards, storage, and disposal, preventing environmental and health risks.
- **Safety Culture:** Labeling promotes a culture of safety and responsibility among employees. Proper labels prevent accidents by ensuring hazardous materials or chemicals are correctly identified and handled with care.

Not Acceptable



Chemical or Product Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-hazardous
	<input type="checkbox"/> Corrosive
Chemical Composition %	<input type="checkbox"/> Flammable
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reactive
	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidizer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Hazard
Name of Preparer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Date	

Another Option

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL WARNING LABEL				
1. CHEMICAL/COMMON NAME				
2. HAZARD CODE		3. NSN/LSN		
4. PART NUMBER				
5. ITEM NAME				
9. HAZARDS (X all that apply)		(1) ACUTE (Immediate)		(2) CHRONIC (Delayed)
		NONE	SLIGHT	MODERATE SEVERE
a. HEALTH				
b. CONTACT				
c. FIRE				
d. REACTIVITY				
7. SPECIFIC HAZARDS AND PRECAUTIONS (Including target organ effects) (See MSDS for further information.)				
8. PROTECT (X all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> EYES <input type="checkbox"/> SKIN <input type="checkbox"/> RESPIRATORY				
9. CONTACT a. COMPANY NAME				
b. ADDRESS (Street, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code, Country)				
c. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)				
10. PROCUREMENT YEAR FOR HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL				

DD FORM 2522, OCT 2000

PREVIOUS EDITION
MAY BE USED.

DD Form 2522 is an excellent option for marking secondary containers.

Section 1910.1200(f)(6)(ii) requires that workplace labeling include product identifier and words, pictures, symbols, or combination thereof, which provide at least general information regarding the hazards of the chemicals.

Department of Public Works (DPW)—Transportation Systems

Lewis Main:

- **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 MAR thru 11 APR 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 JUNE 2025. The work is scheduled in two phases.
 - ◇ **Phase 1:** S 14th St from Stryker Ave to Mann Ave will be closed from 10 FEB to 4 APR 2025.
 - ◇ **Phase 2:** Mann Ave from 41st Division Drive to S 14th St and S 14th St from Mann Ave to Railroad Ave will be closed from 7 APR to 2 JUNE 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 culvert with a bridge at Clover Creek from 31 MAR 2025 to 5 FEB 2026. The work is scheduled in two phases.
 - ◇ **Phase 1A:** Barnes Blvd from the intersection with Levitow Blvd to the entrance of J01119 parking will be closed from 3 to 16 APR 2025 from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Mon. through Fri. for gas line relocation.
 - ◇ **Phase 1B:** Barnes Blvd at the intersection with Levitow Blvd to the entrance of J01119 parking will have lane restriction with flaggers from 17 APR to 14 MAY 2025 from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Mon. through Fri. for gas line relocation.
 - ◇ **Phase 2A:** Barnes Blvd and Levitow Blvd preparatory activities in area for FULL closure from 20 MAY to 12 JUNE 2025. Shoulder work and edge of lane activities will take place, road will remain open.
 - ◇ **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.
- **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 MAY 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:

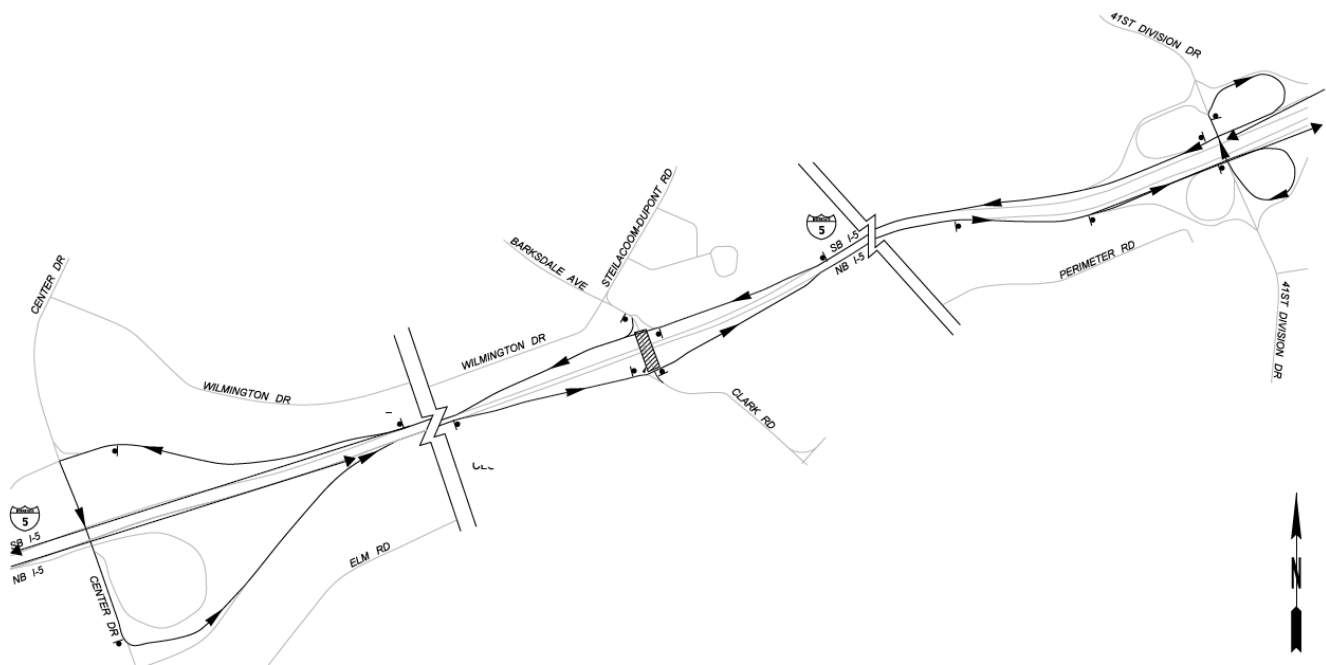
Fri., 4 APR 2025

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.



More Valuable Information**THE TENANT
SATISFACTION
SURVEY IS BACK**

The DoD wants your feedback about your housing experience at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Every household primary resident on file will receive a survey from the third party company CEL & Associates.

**MARCH 3RD
-MAY 1ST**

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

**YOUR OPINION MATTERS!****JBLM IS A NO
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(49 U.S.C. §40103(B)(3)&§46307, 14 CFR Parts 101 and 107 and
10 U.S.C. §130i – where applicable)



Volunteer Appreciation Week

In conjunction with **National Volunteer Week**, JBLM will be celebrating Volunteers in April.

APRIL 20–26, 2025

RECOGNIZE YOUR VOLUNTEERS VIRTUALLY!



Volunteers
MAKE A WORLD
OF DIFFERENCE

There are two ways to submit photos:

1. Submit general volunteer photos of individuals/groups to be included in a collage of photos.
2. Submit an individual photo of a volunteer to be highlighted (we'll highlight volunteers each day). For us to highlight a volunteer, please include first name (no last name), organization/unit, and what the volunteer does for your organization/unit as a volunteer.

IMPORTANT

You must vet all photo(s) submitted (with the volunteers in the photos) for the authority/permission to post on AFCS social media.

VOLUNTEER FAIR: April 23, 2025 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
at Stone Education Center (6242 Colorado Ave., JBLM Lewis-Main)

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BOOTH

Stop by and let us say thank you!

- **April 21, 2025** – from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Stone Education Center (6242 Colorado Ave., JBLM Lewis-Main)
- **April 24, 2025** – from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Waller Hall (2140 Liggett Ave., JBLM Lewis-Main)
- **April 25, 2025** – from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at McChord Commissary (577 Lincoln Blvd. SW, JBLM McChord Field)

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

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:

**MILITARY
ONESOURCE**
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>



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

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



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Celebrating Army Heritage

Meet the first Medal of Honor recipient: Army Pvt. Jacob Parrott



U.S. Army Pvt Jacob Parrott

Parrott was born on July 17, 1843, in Fairfield County, Ohio. He enlisted in the Army as part of Company K, 33rd Ohio Voluntary Infantry, during the Civil War.

In April 1862, Parrott and nearly two-dozen other volunteers were given orders to go deep into enemy territory and destroy bridges and railroad tracks between Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Atlanta. Once they reached the Atlanta area, the Union soldiers hopped on a train heading north.

When the train stopped at Big Shanty, Georgia, the passengers and crew got off for breakfast, but the raiders stayed on and began their covert mission by uncoupling the engine, fuel car and three boxcars and steaming out of the station.

The raiders gained a little bit of distance and were able to damage a few bridges, but it wasn't long before Confederate soldiers got a hold of another train and were hot on their trail. The Union soldiers uncoupled more of the stolen cars to slow their pursuers, but the move was to little effect.

Eventually, the train ran out of fuel near the Georgia-Tennessee border, and all of the Union soldiers tried to get away on foot. They were all captured, including Parrott.

Parrott was eventually returned to the Union in a prisoner exchange in March 1863. For his part in the raid, he was awarded the very first Medal of Honor that same month, with five of his comrades receiving the same distinction shortly thereafter.

The Medal of Honor was first authorized by Congress in December 1861 specifically for the Department of the Navy, but within two months it was adapted for Army recipients as well. The medal is now bestowed on individuals serving in any branch of the armed forces who have performed a personal act of valor above and beyond the call of duty in action against an enemy force. There are currently three variations of the medal.

Source: https://www.army.mil/article/180245/meet_the_first_medal_of_honor_recipient_army_pvt_jacob_parrott