

**Community Information Exchange** 







## **Community Information Exchange**

#### <u>Purpose</u>:

To inform Command Family Readiness Representatives (CFRRs), Soldier & Family Readiness Groups (SFRGs), community leaders, and residents about upcoming events for Fort Bliss and El Paso (next 90 days).

#### Timing & Details:

Frequency: Monthly, except DEC & JUL

*Time:* 1 hour, 1200-1300, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed

Location: Centennial Conf Center

Medium: Facebook & In-Person

#### Attendees:

- Chair: Garrison CDR
- OPR: USAG DFMWR
- BN/CO CFRRs/SFRGs
- WBAMC: CDR/Deputy
- Installation Agencies
- USAG Directorates
   & Support Offices
- · School Liaisons
- City Representatives
- County Representatives

#### Agenda:

- 1. Opening Comments: Garrison CDR
- 2. Calendar Review: Garrison CDR
- 3. DFMWR Updates: Marketing MGR or Rep
- 4. WBAMC Update: CDR or CMD Rep
- 5. Directorate of Public Works
- 6. Directorate of Emergency Services
- 7. Two-Minute Drill
  - ☐ Fort Bliss Family Homes (BBC)
  - ☐ Other Garrison / Installation Agencies
  - ☐ City Update
  - County Update
- 8. Question & Answers (30 Minutes)
- 9. Closing Comments: Garrison CDR

#### Inputs:

- · CG Decisions
- Bliss Synch Events Working Group
- Fort Bliss Ceremonies & Protocol Events
- Local Events & Community Relations

#### **Primary POC:**

**USAG:** Ms. Deana Garcia (DFMWR)

#### **Outputs**:

- Information for unit SFRGs
- · Community Awareness & Advertising





# **Opening Comments**



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## **Safety Reminders**

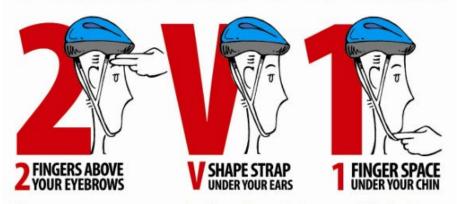
## • FB REG 385-10, para 9-9

- HELMET WILL BE WORN by all Soldiers, DoD Civilians, Contractors, and Family members who operate or intend to operate bicycles or recreational vehicles within Fort Bliss.
- Bicycles and recreational play vehicles (inline skates, roller skates, scooters, skateboards, etc.)

## Garrison Policy 24, para 4(d)(6)

- LEASHES: Dogs must be completely under control at all times in public areas. (exception for dog parks)
- Pets must not be left tied and unattended, or leashed and allowed to roam freely anywhere outside of a fenced area.

# Make sure it fits!



Always wear a properly fitted, activity specific helmet





# FORT BLISS, TX @ ESTD 2014



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## **Upcoming Events**

#### **Oktoberfest**

Sept. 20-22| Fri/Sat: 6PM & Sun: 11AM | Biggs Park

Celebrate Oktoberfest with MWR! Enjoy traditional food, drinks, music and more! Tickets on sale online or at Leisure Travel Services. Leisure Travel Services. Friday & Saturday is \$20 include commemorative stein. Open to ages 18+ only- must be 21+ to consume alcohol Sunday is \$5 per person, 3 and younger are free!





## **Upcoming Events**

#### **Next 30 Days:**

- 29 AUG: Mixed Media Portraits
- 31 AUG: EP Chihuahua Baseball camp
- 03 SEP: Commander's Flag Football
- 07 SEP: Doggy Swim Day
- 07 & 08 SEP: Kids Day on the Wall
- 11 SEP: 9/11 Memorial Stair climb
- 14 SEP: Wine Tour
- 14 SEP: Financial Fitness for Teens & Young Adults
- 15 SEP: Laser Tag
- 19 SEP: SFAC Information Fair
- 21 SEP: Pistol Plate Rack Challenge
- 21 SEP: Parents Day Out
- 20-22 SEP: Oktoberfest
- 26 SEP: SFRG Meet and Greet
- 27 SEP: Special Needs Fair
- 27 SEP: Norwegian Foot March
- 28 SEP: Bikes and Brews
- 28 SEP: Dad's Day in the Park

#### **Next 60 Days:**

- 01 OCT: Kids Outdoor Scavenger Hunt
- 01 OCT: FAP Open House
- 03 OCT: DVAM
- 05 OCT: Muscle Fest
- 12-13 OCT: Amigo Airshow
- 16 OCT: Anthony Gap Cave trip
- 18-19 OCT: Monster Bash
- 19 OCT: Spook-a-thon Run

#### **Next 60 Days cont.:**

- 21 OCT-01 NOV: Dia de los Deadlifts
- 26 OCT: Star Mountain Gymnastics Meet
- 26-27 OCT: Zombie Fun Shoot
- 25-27 OCT: Halloween Classic

#### **Next 90 Days:**

- 02 NOV: Dia de los Muertos Cars & Crafts
- 02 NOV: Strongman & Strongwoman Competition
- 09 NOV: Trap Match

#### **Ongoing Classes and Events:**

- Youth Sports Calendar
- Girls Spring Volleyball
- Military Spouse Morning Social
- Military Spouse and Soldier **Employment Readiness Workshop**
- · Coffee and Connections with EFMP



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## **Community Events**

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Date	Time	Event	Location	Comments	
31 AUG - 1 SEP	2100	Salsa Night	The Garrison	\$15	
31 AUG	1800	Hazy Moon Night Market	1580 Appaloosa	Free	
01-07 SEP	Varies	Run for Ruidoso	Virtual Run	\$30	
07 SEP	2100	Concordia Cemetery Ghost Tour	Concordia Cemetery	\$25	
08 SEP	1000	El Paso Sunday Market at the Coliseum	El Paso County Coliseum	Free	
09 SEP	1900	Jelly Roll-The Beautifully Broken Tour	Don Haskins	Varies	
14 SEP	1400	Wicked Wine Run	La Vina Winery	\$30 and up	
14 SEP	1530	El Paso Ballet Theatre Presents: Andares	Plaza Theater	\$36 and up	
15 SEP	0800	McKelligon Canyon Challenge	McKelligon	\$25	
17 SEP	1900	Ray Lamontagne	Abraham Chavez Theatre	\$44	





## **Directorate Family Morale Welfare and** Recreation

#### **Army Community Service**

- 19 September: SFAC Information Fair
- 28 September: Dad's Day in the Park

#### **Business Operations**

21 September: Pistol Plate Rack Challenge

#### **Youth Sports**

31 August: El Paso Chihuahua Baseball Camp

#### **MWR Special Events**

20-22 September: Oktoberfest

#### **Outdoor Recreation**

- 14 September: Wine Tour
- 28 September: Bikes & Brews

#### **Sports Fitness and Aquatics**

- 11 September: 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb
- 27 September: Norwegian Foot March





# William Beaumont Army Medical Center Patient Information

#### Clinical

- EFMP has relocated from Mendoza to WBAMC on the 3rd floor of the West Clinic. Hours are Monday to Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and on Fridays and Federal Holidays. They do have a computer on site to assist walking patients through the new E-EFMP system.
- The TBI Clinic at SFMC will soon move to the new Intrepid Spirit Center. Tentative opening date is 19
  August 2024 and ribbon cutting ceremony will be 18 September 2024.
- WBAMC Gate Access: WBAMC must comply with installation physical security measures and that includes gate access procedures. Please ensure your loved ones have appropriate identification or installation pass access is completed.

#### Happenings

- Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC) will be November 7th at 11:00 a.m. in the WBAMC Clinical Assembly Room (CAR).
- Children's Waiting Room (CWR) at WBAMC and Mendoza are by appointment only; call 915-742-9926/0975 (free childcare while you attend medical appointments). The hours have changed to Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Our main phone line is now automated to ensure inpatient units can be reached 24 hours a day seven days a week; there is an option to speak to an information receptionist during duty hours.
- Your feedback is important; please take the time to fill out your JOES and TRISS surveys.
- Visit our website for current information: <a href="https://william-beaumont.tricare.mil/">https://william-beaumont.tricare.mil/</a>



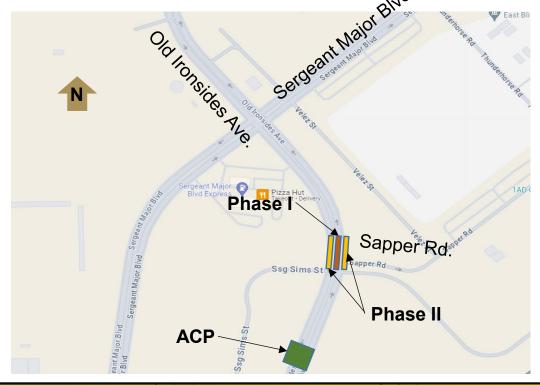


# Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

## **Road Repair Update**

## Road Repairs at Old Ironsides

- Construction tentative start date: 16 September 2024.
- One lane will always remain open during Construction (2 Phases).
- For Phase 2, Contractor will provide detour for Sapper Road.
- Projected completion Date: 07 December 2024.





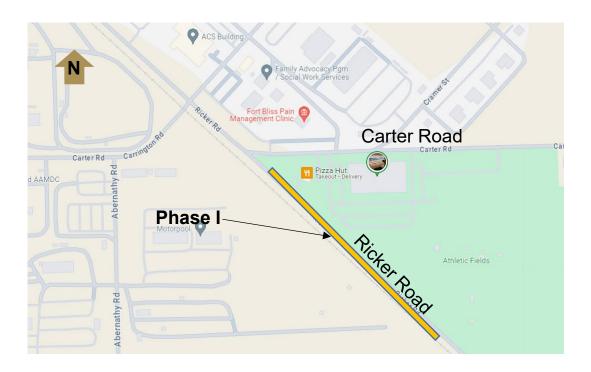


## Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

## **Road Repair Update**

## New Street Lights at Ricker Road

- Construction tentative start date: 1 October 2024.
- Contractor will be working on edge of road. No lanes will be closed (1 Phase).
- Projected completion Date: 29 April 2025.

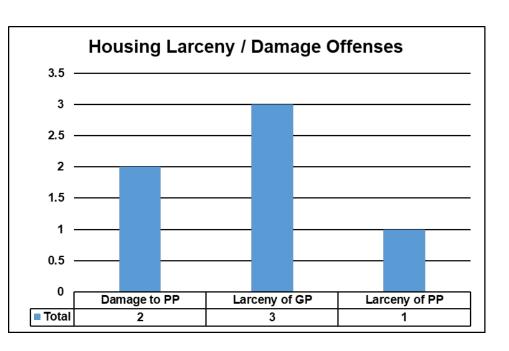


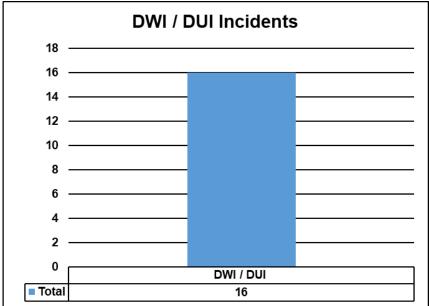




## **Directorate of Emergency Services**

## **July 2024 Law Enforcement Data**





- DWI incidents were up slightly on-post due to the DWI task force and major holiday.
- Larceny incidents are slightly down.
- Please secure your vehicles. Most larcenies from vehicles were committed when the vehicle was left unsecured.
- Please pay attention for children playing in housing areas and walking to playgrounds.





## **Directorate of Emergency Services**

El Paso DA's DWI Prevention Initiative



- El Paso County is ranked #7 out of top 10 Texas counties with highest DWI numbers.
- 34th Judicial District Attorney's (DA)
   Office received a grant from TXDOT to pay for UBER rides (thru Sep 2024) for persons out drinking.
- Active on Fridays-Mondays (0500 hrs).
- \$20 allotted for each ride (not counting tips).
- Average ride in El Paso costs \$14.
- Scan QR code to access DA's website.
- QR code is updated every Friday.
- This initiative has provided over 1K rides since December 2023.





## **Directorate of Emergency Services**

#### **Access Control Points**

#### **Access Control Points:**

- ✓ Trusted traveler provides DoD sponsors the opportunity to bring additional patrons onto the installation; every occupant must show a valid form of identification.
- ✓ Special events passes can be granted online at the Fort Bliss homepage.
- ✓ The one-year Community Access Pass is available for members of the community to enter the installation.





## Alibis & Announcements

- **Two-Minute Drill per Speaker** 
  - □ Fort Bliss Family Homes
  - □Other Garrison / Installation Agencies
  - **□City Update**
  - **□**County Update





# **Questions & Answers**





# **Closing Comments**



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## **MWR Sports Calendar**





## **Youth Sports Calendar**

YOUTH SPORTS	AGES	COST: 1ST CHILD / ADDT'L CHILD	REGISTRATION MONTH	SEASON (2024-2025)
Boys/Girls Indoor/Outdoor 3 on 3 Basketball	7-18	\$55/\$47	January	Febuary-March
Boys/Girls Spring Soccer	3-15	\$55/\$47	January	Febuary-March
Boys/Girls Spring Volleyball Jamboree/Tournament	8-16	\$15	January	Febuary
Boys/Girls Spring Tennis	5-14	\$75/\$64	February	March-April
Girls Spring Volleyball	8-16	\$55/\$47	February	March-April
Boys/Girls Soccer Jamboree/Tournament	5-15	\$15	March	April
Boys/Girls Pickleball	7-18	\$55/\$47	March	April-May
Boys/Girls Spring Flag Football	5-18	\$55/\$47	March	April-May
Boys/Girls Spring Tee Ball /Baseball/Softball USA Track & Field	3-15	\$55/\$47	March	April-May
(\$32 Membership Fee/\$18 for 4 meets)	5-18	\$100/\$85	March	April-July
Boys/Girls 4 on 4 Volleyball	12-18	\$55/\$47	May	June
Boys/Girls Kickball	5-15	\$55/\$47	May	June
Boys/Girls Powerlifting	10-18	\$55/\$47	May	June-July
Boys/Girls Summer Basketball	5-18	\$55/\$47	May	June-July
Boys/Girls Indoor/Outdoor 3 on 3 Basketball	7-18	\$55/\$47	July	August
Boys/Girls Fall Soccer	3-15	\$55/\$47	July	August-September
Boys/Girls Fall Pickleball	7-18	\$55/\$47	July	August-September
USATF Cross Country	5-18	\$75/\$64	July-August	August-November
Boys/Girls Fall Tennis	5-14	\$75/\$64	August	September-Octobe
Boys/Girls Fall Flag Football	5-18	\$55/\$47	August	September-Octobe
Boys/Girls Winter Powerlifting	10-18	\$55/\$47	August	September-Octobe
Boys/Girls Winter Basketball	5-15	\$55/\$47	September	October - Decembe
Boys/Girls Winter Volleyball	8-16	\$55/\$47	November	December-January
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## **BOD Events/Programs**

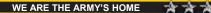






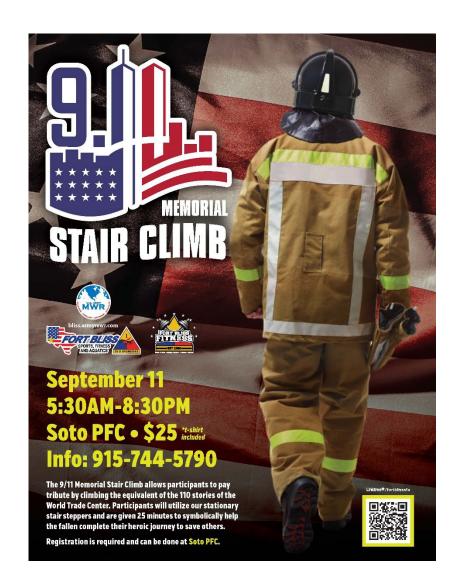








## **MWR Sports**



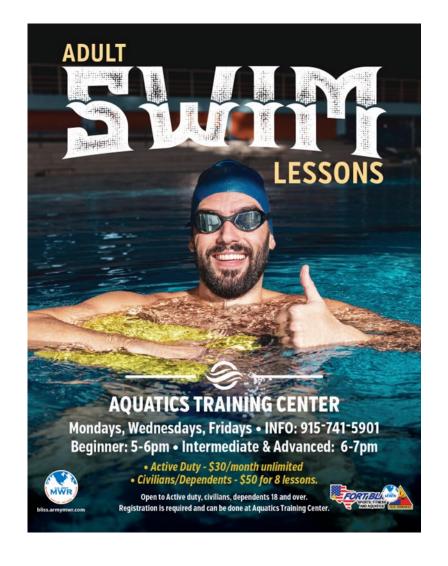






## **MWR Aquatics**









## MWR Auto Crafts/ Art & Hobby











## **MWR Youth Sports Events**





This Youth Program is designed to give homeschooled students the opportunity to gain P.E. credits. Students will be educated in fundamental physical education principles, as well as basic motor skills and team building. To register with CYS, please call Parent Central at 915-568-5501/4374.







## **MWR Army Community Service**





## March 21 June 20 September 19

1-2:30pm

FRC • 250 Club Rd. Info: 915-569-5577

This is an opportunity for military personnel and their families who are going through the IDES Process or assigned to the Soldier Recovery Unit to learn about the resources and support available to them through the Soldier and Family Assistance Center.



VISIT OUR WEB PAGE



#### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION INCLUDES:**

Financial Counseling • Legal Assistance • Mental Health Resources Educational Support • Employment Assistance and other programs that aim to enhance the well-being and resilience of military families.











## **Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers**

#### **RECREATION AND LEISURE**

BOSS Kickback 11 JUL • 1 AUG. • 5 SEPT Monti Warrior Zone • 1700-1900 The Elmont - Swim Club & Event Center • 1200-1500 • \$30 Water Park 5 JUL Soldier Activity Center • 1200-1500 - Free Food **Pool Party 13 JUL** Las Cruces • 0800-1700 Tube the Rio **24 AUG** 30 AUG Soldier Activity Center • 1200-1500 - Free Food Pool Party 31 AUG Paintball American Eagle Paintball • 1100-1400 • \$25 07 SEPT Pool Party Soldier Activity Center • 1200-1500 - Free Food Cigar 101 20 SEPT Freedom Crossing • 1100-UTC

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Pop Goes the Fort Volunteer04 JULBiggs Park ⋅ 1500-2300Lucha Libre Volunteer19 JULStout Gym ⋅ 1400-2100Border Rumble Volunteer26 JULStout Gym ⋅ 1400-21009/11 Memorial Stair Climb Volunteer11 SEPTSoto Gym - All Day (3 Shifts)Octoberfest Volunteer20, 21 & 22 SEPTBiggs Park ⋅ 1700-0000

#### **OUALITY OF LIFE**

BOSS Meeting 9 JUL • 6 AUG • 3 SEPT Soldier Activity Center • 1300-1400
BOSS Bash IPR 9 JUL • 6 AUG • 12 AUG Soldier Activity Center • 1400-1500
Annual BOSS Bash 16 AUG Biggs Park • 1500-1900

#### **LIFE SKILLS**

 Paint & Sip
 6 JUL
 Replica • 1000-1300

 Scuba
 7 JUL
 Aquatic Training Center • 0900-1600

 Concealed Carry Class
 4 AUG • 14 SEPT
 Rod & Gun Club • 0800-1500

## **CALENDAR**

**JULY-SEP** 



SCAN HERE TO FIND FORT BLISS BOSS ONLINE





## **Upcoming Events and Activities**

## **The Main Highlights:**

- **Ongoing:** Operation Helping Hand has started to allow the RSO to provide crisis support to Soldiers throughout the year, as emergencies arise in their lives. This is an opportunity for Soldiers to help Soldiers, no matter their rank or position.
- **September December:** Fort Bliss Homeschool Association has various activities and events upcoming.
- Jewish Holidays for fall 2024 have been published.



For Virtual Religious Services and most Updated worship service schedule, please visit

https://facebook.com/ftblisschaplain/ or call 915-568-1519









OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE MILITARY
HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES OF FORT BLISS

#### **SIGN UP TODAY!**

- Enrichment Co-Op (fall & spring semesters)
- Monthly Field Trips
- Monthly Special Events for All Ages
- Monthly Teen Events (12+)
- Opportunities to make lasting friendships

# @FORT BLISS HOMESCHOOLERS TO REGISTER TODAY!

<u>Eligibility:</u> Military-affiliated families with DOD ID card who are actively homeschooling at least ONE child between the ages of 5 to 18 years.







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## UPCOMING EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS

- September: STEAM Fair & Magoffin Home
- October: A Walks Through Candyland & Pumpkin Patch
- November: Friendsgiving & Franklin Mt.
- State Park
- December: Holiday Party & Fire Station/K9/MP

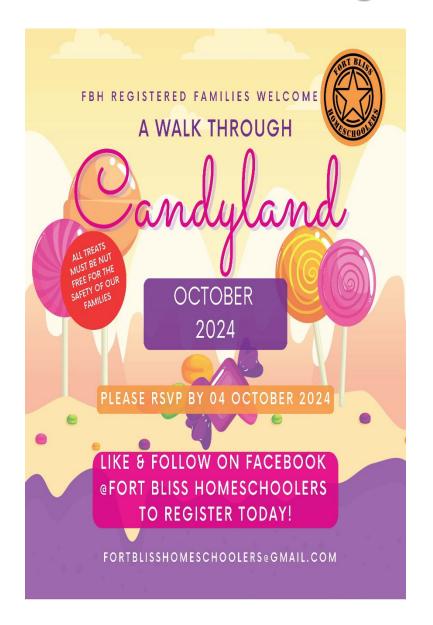
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# **Jewish High Holiday Services**



Soldiers, Civilians, Families, and Community Members Welcome!

All services and meals will be at Center Chapel 3 unless otherwise noted



## Service Times

Rosh Hashanah — 02 OCT, 1800 service, 1930 dinner

Rosh Hashanah — 03 OCT, 1000 service

Tashlich – Time and Location TBD

Yom Kippur – 11 OCT, 1800 service

Yom Kippur – 12 OCT, 1000 service, 1800 service

Break-the-Fast - 12 OCT, 1930 dinner

Sukkot Shabbat - 18 OCT, 1800 service, 1930 dinner Simchat Torah - 25 OCT, 1800 service, 1930 dinner

POC: CH (MAJ) David Frommer, Jewish Chaplain david.p.frommer.mil@army.mil, (646) 648-2778





Join us for Fort Bliss AWANA

# Fun and Learning Await at AWANA!



Starts September 3, 2024 Tuesdays from 1730-1930



Fellowship Meals, Bible Lessons, Games, Awards, and MORE!

For more information call or text Jovana at 915-262-6198





## Fort Bliss Spouses' Association

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Super Sign-Up 09/04/24; time and location TBD
- Thrift Shop Events:
  - 8/6 8/10: Partnership with Texas
     Roadhouse and Operation Santa Clause for Tax-Free Weekend. Opportunity to win a lunch box filled with school supplies.
  - 9/10 9/14: Halloween Spirit Week.
     Shoppers wearing Halloween items will receive a discount.
  - 10/15 10/19: Friendsgiving Event.
     Shoppers wearing themed clothing will receive a discount.

#### **OUR SUBCLUBS:**

- Book Club
- Craft Club
- Lunch Bunch
- Wine Club
- Entertainment Club
- Cooking Club
- Hiking Club
- Craft Beer Club
- Bunco Club
- Walking Club
- Coffee Club





Learn More thefbsa.org







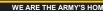
# Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)

#### **Overview**

- ✓ The Commissary will be closing at 1600 on the upcoming Holiday, Labor Day, on September 2nd.
- ✓ At Fort Bliss Commissary, we're committed to making a positive impact in our community. As part of our ongoing efforts, we're participating in the Fed Feed Families campaign through the end of September 2024. This initiative focuses on combating hunger by creating and distributing food bags to families in need.
- ✓ Sidewalk Sale is coming up>>> September 19<sup>th</sup> thru September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come and take advantage of incredible deals.
- ✓ Allow us to serve you through our **COMMISSARY CLICK2GO** program! In addition to the money you'll save shopping your commissary, save time through the convenience of on-line ordering and getting your groceries delivered right to your car! https://shop.commissaries.com/shop
- ✓ Commissaries begin phasing out single-use shopping bags: Having begun with Guam stores March 15, moving to Hawaii's commissaries April 30, the initiative comes to continental U.S. stores in California and Washington State this summer (June 30<sup>th</sup>). Read more at:

  <a href="https://corp.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/planet-vs-plastics-deca-supports-movement-help-protect">https://corp.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/planet-vs-plastics-deca-supports-movement-help-protect</a>
- ✓ The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is always looking for new members to join our team. To search open positions in your area, please go to <a href="USAJOBS Search">USAJOBS Search</a>, input "commissary" into the Keywords box and input your location into the search box. Interested military spouses can send inquiries directly to: <a href="Militaryspouse.employment@deca.mil">Militaryspouse.employment@deca.mil</a>.









#### Global Reach Express

Chopz and Eddie Pepper's to Go-Now Open

#### **Lifestyle Center Food Court**

 Starbucks-Exceptional Family Member Program Family Connections 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month from 1700-1830

## **Freedom Crossing**

- Let Freedom Sing with Dylan Scott
  - 31 August 2024 at 1900, Free to the public





## **Armed Services YMCA**

Summary



CALL NOW TO RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT!

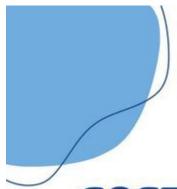
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## **Armed Services YMCA**

Summary



Armed Services YMCA El Paso's Junior Enlisted Family Center 2004 Sheridan Rd Fort Bliss, Texas



## COST-FREE FOOD MARKET

#### and Cost-Free Thrift Store

Wednesday 10am to 4pm

Drive Thru Food Pantry El Paso VA Medical Center 5001 N. Piedras 8:30 am to 10 am



Thursday 1pm to 4pm

ASYMCA Child
Development Center
Food Annex
7061 Comington Str.
1 pm to 6 pm

Food Annex
10960 Haan Rd.
5 to 6pm

() @asymcaelpaso
@ @juniorenlistedfamilycenter

Friday 10am to 4pm









# El Paso County

## What Does El Paso County Do?

The major responsibilities of Texas county government include:

- Providing public safety and justice
- Holding elections at every level of government
- Maintaining Texans' most important records
- Building and maintaining roads, bridges and in some cases, county airports
- Providing emergency management services
- Providing health and safety services
- Collecting property taxes for the county and sometimes for other taxing entities
- Issuing vehicle registration and transfers
- Registering voters.





## El Paso County

## El Paso County Illumina Public Library Programs



Come join our STREAMERS program, we'll do cool activities with Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math. Come have fun with us! Ages 6-14, no need to register just

Mondays @ 5 pm - 6 pm 15371 Kentwood Ave. El Paso, TX 79928

come!



Thursdays @ 6 p.m.

Don't know anything about computers? Come and learn! Every month we will learn about a different topic.

Thursdays @ 6 pm - 7 pm 15371 Kentwood Ave. **El Paso, TX 79928** 



Struggling to learn English? This class provides an opportunity to practice speaking English in a safe, judgement free environment. Join us!

Wednesdays @ 6 pm - 7 pm 15371 Kentwood Ave. **El Paso, TX 79928** 





## **El Paso County**

**Ascarate Pool-New Hours of Operation** 



