

# Community Information Exchange

November 2024

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# Community Information Exchange

<p><b><u>Purpose:</u></b></p> <p>To inform Command Family Readiness Representatives (CFRRs), Soldier &amp; Family Readiness Groups (SFRGs), community leaders, and residents about upcoming events for Fort Bliss and El Paso (next 90 days).</p>	<p><b><u>Attendees:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Garrison CDR</li> <li>• OPR: USAG DFMWR</li> <li>• BN/CO CFRRs/SFRGs</li> <li>• WBAMC: CDR/Deputy</li> <li>• Installation Agencies</li> <li>• USAG Directorates &amp; Support Offices</li> <li>• School Liaisons</li> <li>• City Representatives</li> <li>• County Representatives</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Agenda:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening Comments: Garrison CDR</li> <li>2. Calendar Review: Garrison CDR</li> <li>3. DFMWR Updates: Marketing MGR or Rep</li> <li>4. WBAMC Update: CDR or CMD Rep</li> <li>5. Directorate of Public Works</li> <li>6. Directorate of Emergency Services</li> <li>7. Two-Minute Drill             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fort Bliss Family Homes (BBC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other Garrison / Installation Agencies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> City Update</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> County Update</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. Question &amp; Answers (30 Minutes)</li> <li>9. Closing Comments: Garrison CDR</li> </ol>
<p><b><u>Timing &amp; Details:</u></b></p> <p><b>Frequency:</b> Monthly, <b>except DEC &amp; JUL</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 1 hour, 1200-1300, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Centennial Conf Center</p> <p><b>Medium:</b> Facebook &amp; In-Person</p>	<p><b><u>Inputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CG Decisions</li> <li>• <b>Bliss Synch Events Working Group</b></li> <li>• Fort Bliss Ceremonies &amp; Protocol Events</li> <li>• Local Events &amp; Community Relations</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Primary POC:</u></b></p> <p><b>USAG:</b> Ms. Deana Garcia (DFMWR)</p>	<p><b><u>Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information for unit SFRGs</li> <li>• Community Awareness &amp; Advertising</li> </ul>	

# Opening Comments

# Upcoming Events

A festive poster for a Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration. The background is dark blue with green pine branches, white snowflakes, and various colorful Christmas ornaments including a star, a house, and a bell. At the top, a string of colorful light bulbs is visible. The title 'CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION' is written in large, bold, pink and orange letters. Below the title, there are logos for MWR, RSO, and FT. BLISS RECYCLES. The event details are listed in white text: 'December 6, 5-8pm • FREE, Center Chapel One, 315 Pershing Road, Info: 915-588-8247'. At the bottom, there are logos for ASUS, SHAMALEY, and TELEMUND, along with a QR code and the text 'Linktree® /blissMWR'.

**CHRISTMAS  
TREE LIGHTING  
CELEBRATION**

December 6  
5-8pm • FREE  
Center Chapel One  
315 Pershing Road  
Info: 915-588-8247

ASUS  
Fort Bliss Water Services Company

SHAMALEY

TELEMUND

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## Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

Dec. 6 | 5-8PM | Center Chapel  
One

Spend the evening with MWR, RSO and Recycling for a traditional tree lighting celebration! Enjoy FREE crafts, games, inflatables and a snow slide! Food Trucks will be available for food purchase. For more information, call 915-588-8247.

# Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign streamlines ways for federal employees (Service Members and DoD Civilians) donate through allotments or a one-time donation to a charity of their choosing.

2024 Fort Bliss Combined Federal Campaign ends 13 January 2025.

**2024 CFC Fort Bliss Goal is \$15,500**  
**Current Status: \$1155**

This is your opportunity to donate. You can do so by clicking the QR code or contact your unit CFC Representative.

If you don't know your Unit CFC Representative is, please contact CFC POC Mr. Michael Dawkins at 569-7296 or [Michael.a.Dawkins.civ@army.mil](mailto:Michael.a.Dawkins.civ@army.mil)

Visit the CFC website at [givecfc.org](http://givecfc.org)

*Together as a great team, we all can work to make a big impact!*



Want to use the QR  
Code? It goes to  
[GiveCFC.org](http://GiveCFC.org)  
Online Giving.

**GIVE** ★ CFC  
**HAPPY** ★

# Upcoming Events

## Next 30 Days:

- [NOW - 14 DEC: Kids Outdoor Scavenger Hunt](#)
- 21 NOV: Friendsgiving Lunch
- [23 NOV: Turkey Trot 5K](#)
- [23 NOV: Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament](#)
- [23 NOV: Gobble Wobble Fitness Challenge](#)
- [25 NOV: RYC Thanksgiving Camp](#)
- 25 NOV – 13 DEC: Santa's Mailbox
- 25 NOV – 13 DEC: 15 Days of Holiday Giveaways
- [27 NOV: Cranksgiving](#)
- [05 DEC: Zumba under the Stars](#)
- [06 DEC: Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration](#)
- [07 DEC: Jingle Dash](#)
- [07 DEC: Parent's Day Out](#)
- 07 DEC: Santa's Basketball Slam Tournament
- 08 DEC: Breakfast with Santa
- [09 DEC – 02 JAN: Youth Swim Lessons](#)
- [14 DEC: Wreaths Across America](#)
- 14 DEC: Christmas Golf Sale
- 14 DEC: Army VS Navy
- 15 DEC: Holiday Brunch
- 21 DEC: Christmas Ham Shootout

## Next 60 Days:

- 28 DEC: NYE Bingo
- 25 JAN: Half Marathon
- 25 JAN: Trap Match

## Ongoing Classes and Events:

DEC: Youth Sports Basketball Jamboree



# Community Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Comments
20-23 NOV	0800	Amazing Scavenger Hunts!: Sun City Escapade	San Jacinto Plaza	\$12.99
26 NOV- 01 DEC	1930	Beetlejuice	Plaza Theatre	\$50 and Up
28 NOV	0730	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Iron Turkey	Up and Running	\$30
01-15 DEC	Varies	Run the 915	Virtual	\$45
06-08 DEC	Varies	The Nutcracker	UTEP Magoffin Auditorium	Varies
11 DEC	1630	International Hiking Day	Franklin Mountains	\$5
21-22 DEC	Varies	Tina: The Tina Turner Musical	Plaza Theatre	Varies
23-24 DEC	Varies	Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet	Plaza Theatre	Varies

# Directorate Family Morale Welfare and Recreation

- **Army Community Service**
  - Combined Federal Campaign
  - 13 December: Tree for Troops
  - 16 December: AFTB Birthday
- **Business Operations**
  - 23 November: Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament
  - 08 & 15 December: Breakfast With Santa & 15 December Holiday Brunch
  - 14 December: Army VS Navy
- **Youth Center**
  - 07 December: Jingle Dash
- **MWR Special Events/Marketing**
  - 25 November –13th December: 15 Days of Holiday Giveaway & Santa Letters
  - 06 December: Tree Lighting & Celebration (RSO & MWR Special Events)
- **Sports Fitness and Aquatics**
  - 27 November: Cranksgiving



# William Beaumont Army Medical Center

## Patient Information

- **Clinical**

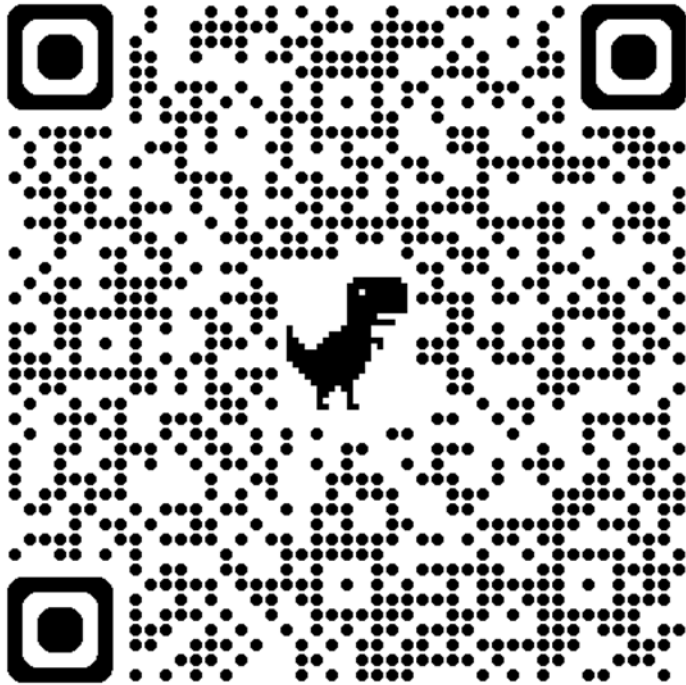
- Flu Vaccines are here! Information Sheets available.
- TRICARE OPEN SEASON: 11NOV-10DEC. New regional contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance at 888-TRIWEST (**888-874-9378**). WBAMC Health Benefits Advisors can help, call 915-742-2828.
- Duran Gate New hours of operation: Southern gate off Loop 375/Iron Medics exit, will have new hours of operation. Only open Mon-Fri, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. (0500-2100). Closed weekends and federal holidays.

- **Happenings**

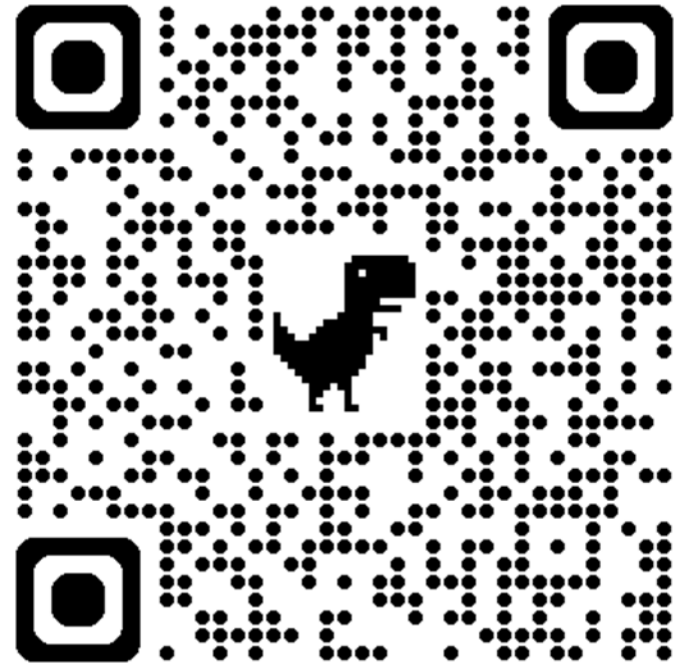
- Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC) will be February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the WBAMC Clinical Assembly Room (CAR).
- Children's Waiting Room (CWR) are by appointment only; call 915-742-9926/0975. Hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Our phone operator line is 915-742-7777 (NOT the appointment line) and is 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: <https://william-beaumont.tricare.mil/>

# William Beaumont Army Medical Center

More Information



WBAMC FLU Webpage Information



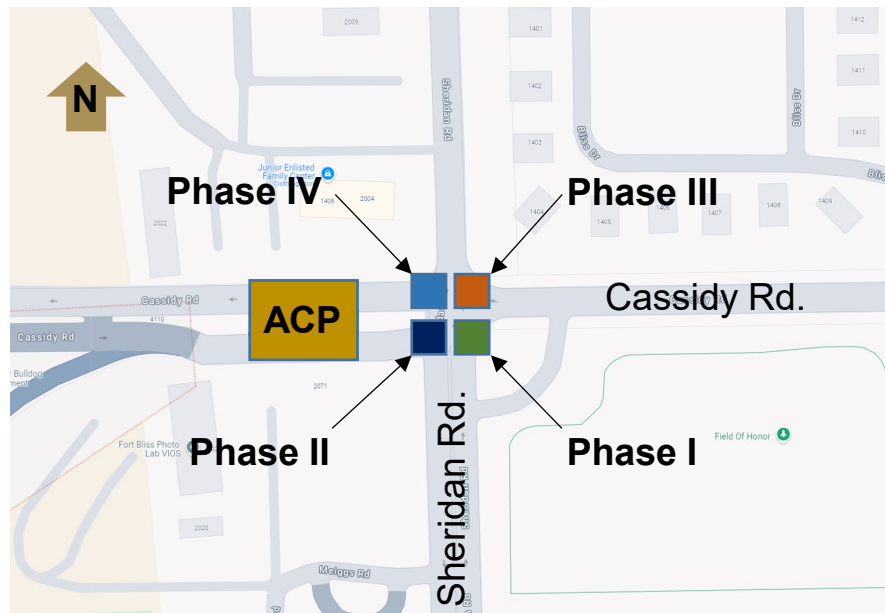
TRICARE Open Season

# Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

## Road Repair Update

- **Road Repairs at Cassidy ACP Intersection**

- Construction start date: 12 November 2024.
- One lane will be closed per phase during construction (4 Phases).
- Projected completion Date: 13 February 2025.

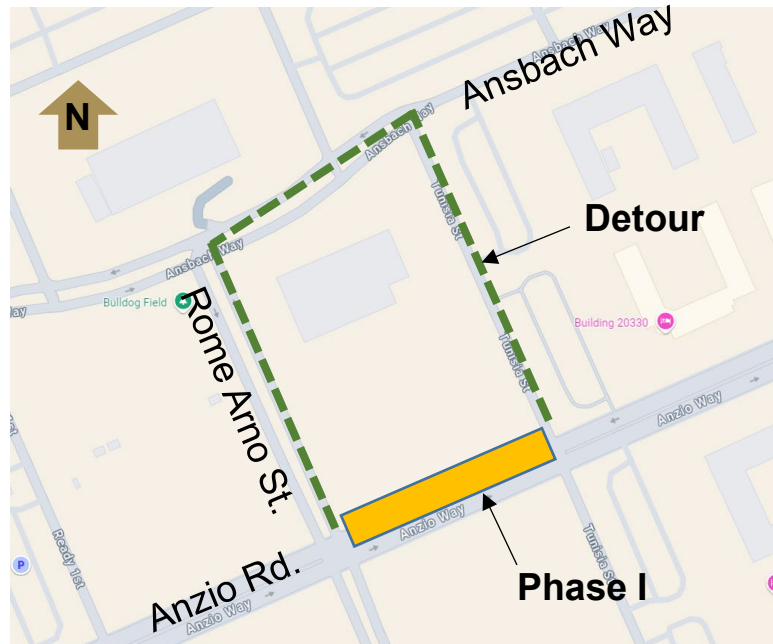


# Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

## Road Repair Update

- **Road Repairs at Anzio Road**

- Construction tentative start date: 29 November 2024.
- Contractor will close Anzio Road from Rome Arno St. to Tunisia St. during construction.
- Detour traffic signs will be installed prior to construction.
- Projected completion date: 25 February 2025.

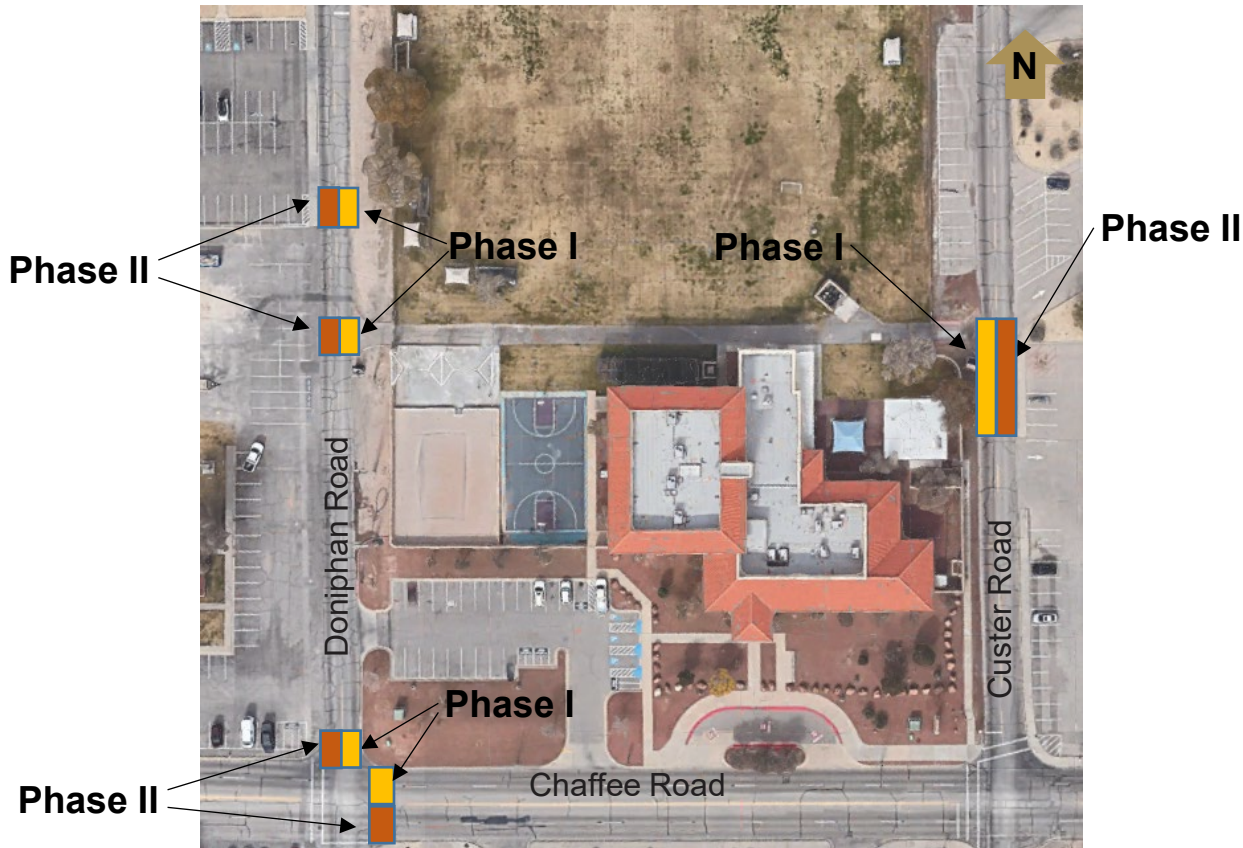


# Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

## New Sidewalk

- **Install New Sidewalk on Doniphan and Custer Road**

- Construction Start Date: 25 November 2024.
- One lane will always remain open during Construction (2 Phases).
- Completion Date: 04 May 2025.

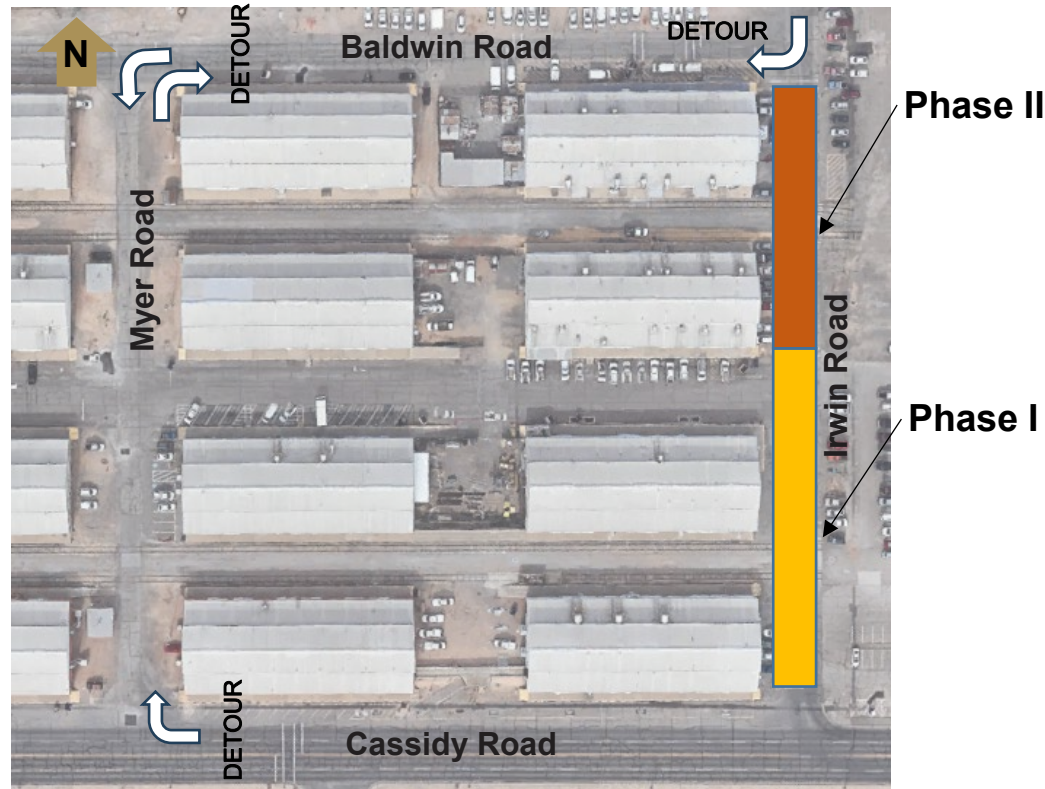


# Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

## Road Repairs

- **Road Repairs on Irwin Road from Baldwin to Cassidy Road**

- Construction Start Date: 25 November 2024.
- Irwin Road will remain closed for duration of project, and construction will consist of 2 Phases.
- Traffic will be rerouted through Myer Road.
- Completion Date: 27 April 2025.



# Directorate of Emergency Services

## Police Services

- Holiday Special Traffic Enforcement between 27 November 2024 through 5 January 2025
- Driving While Intoxicated/Impaired Task Force: every Thursday through Sunday and nights before and on the holidays
- Vehicle Safety & Compliance Checkpoints
- Snap Checkpoints
- Random Anti-terrorism Measures will be conducted throughout the evening in the noncontiguous housing areas
- If you see something, contact the DES Consolidated Dispatch at
  - 744-2115
  - 744-2116
  - 744-2117

## Two-Minute Drill per Speaker

- RSO
- Fort Bliss Family Homes
- DECA
- El Paso City



# Questions & Answers

# Closing Comments

# MWR Sports Calendar

## FORT BLISS 2024 SPORTS, FITNESS & AQUATICS CALENDAR

### COMMANDER'S CUP SPORTS

SPORT	DATES
CC Basketball	JAN 22 - MAR 21
CC Soccer	APR 15 - JUN 06
CC Softball	APR 15 - JUN 13
CC 5K	APR 26
CC Ten-Miler	MAY 17
CC Volleyball	JUL 22 - AUG 22
CC 10K	AUG 16
CC Flag Football	SEP 03 - OCT 31

OPEN CAMERA & SCAN



**All Commander's Cup sports are  
Active-Duty, unit level competitions.**

**For more Information:**

**Sports: 915-744-5785 • Fitness: 915-744-5790**

**• Aquatics: 915-741-5902**



January	100 Mile Swim Club	JAN 01 - DEC 31
	Basketball Officials Clinic	JAN 08 - 11
	CC Basketball	JAN 22 - MAR 21
	Half Marathon	JAN 27
February	Dance Glow Party	FEB 09
	Run for Fallen 5K	FEB 24
March	St. Paddy's 8K & 0.5K Run	MAR 16
	Easter Egg Float	MAR 30
April	Soccer Officials Clinic	APR 01 - 04
	Softball Officials Clinic	APR 08 - 11
	CC Soccer	APR 15 - JUN 06
	CC Softball	APR 15 - JUN 13
May	CC 5K	APR 26
	Barbellas & Beasts	MAY 11
June	CC Ten-Miler	MAY 17
	Fort Bliss CRIT	JUN 08
July	Volleyball Officials Clinic	JUL 15 - 18
	Boxing Officials Clinic	JUL 20
	CC Volleyball	JUL 22 - AUG 22
	Border Rumble Boxing Smoker	JUL 26
August	Cardboard Regatta	AUG 10
	CC 10K	AUG 16
	Flag Football Officials Clinic	AUG 26-29
September	CC Flag Football	SEP 03 - OCT 31
	Doggy Swim Day	SEP 07
	9/11 Memorial Stair Climb	SEP 11
	Norwegian Ruck March	SEP 14
October	Muscles Feast	OCT 05
	Spook-a-thon	OCT 19
	Halloween Classic Basketball Tournament	OCT 25-27
	Floating Pumpkin Patch Swim	OCT 26
November	Turkey Trot 5K	NOV 23
	Cranksgiving	NOV 27
December	Dancing Under the Stars	DEC 07

# Youth Sports Calendar

## 2024-2025 YOUTH SPORTS CALENDAR



YOUTH SPORTS	AGES	COST: 1ST CHILD / ADD'L CHILD	REGISTRATION MONTH	SEASON (2024-2025)
Boys/Girls Indoor/Outdoor 3 on 3 Basketball	7-18	\$55/\$47	January	February-March
Boys/Girls Spring Soccer	3-15	\$55/\$47	January	February-March
Boys/Girls Spring Volleyball Jamboree/Tournament	8-16	\$15	January	February
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	3-15	\$55/\$47	March	April-May
USA Track & Field (\$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-October
Boys/Girls Fall Flag Football	5-18	\$55/\$47	August	September-October
Boys/Girls Winter Powerlifting	10-18	\$55/\$47	August	September-October
Boys/Girls Winter Basketball	5-15	\$55/\$47	September	October - December
Boys/Girls Winter Volleyball	8-16	\$55/\$47	November	December-January
Boys/Girls Winter Basketball Jamboree/Tournament	5-15	\$15	December	January

Registration can be done at the Youth Sports Plex or any CYS Facility with current physical on file.  
CYS registration is required with an updated sports physical. To contact Youth Sports, please call 915-568-2617

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INFORMATION



# Fort Bliss MWR Sports



**MWR** **FORT BLISS** SPORTS, FITNESS AND AQUATICS **OLD IRONIDES** **EH** EDWARDS

# TURKEY TROT 5K

**November 23**  
**9-10am • Soto PFC**  
**Info: 915-744-5785**

Registration: \$10 • Shirts: \$10 (sold online)  
Registration includes a medal for participants.  
Register online at [active.com](http://active.com) by Nov. 12.  
Late Registration/Package Pick-Up: Nov. 22  
from 5-7pm at Soto PFC.



[LinkedIn /fortblissmwr](https://www.linkedin.com/company/fortblissmwr)



# CRANKSGIVING

**NOVEMBER 27**  
**6-7:30PM • SOTO PFC**

Work it before you Gobble it! Join Fort Bliss Fitness for a 90-minute instructor-led indoor cycling endurance ride! Come dressed in your best Thanksgiving outfit. There will be door prizes and refreshments after the event.

Open to the public. \$7 per person.  
Registration is required and can be done at Soto PFC. Info: 915-744-5790



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**Gobble Wobble**  
**FITNESS CHALLENGE**

**November 23 • 9-11am • Youth Sports Plex • FREE!**

Join Youth Sports and Fitness for an all-age workout session, every hour on the hour! Check in will be 30 minutes prior to the start of each class. Classes start: 9am & 10am. Check in: 8:30am & 9:30am. Show your turkey day spirit by wearing red, orange & yellow to workout class!  
Register at the Youth Sports Plex, scan the QR Code, or call 915-568-2617.



**JINGLE DASH**  
1 Mile/5K Fun Runs

**December 7 • 9-11am**  
**Bliss Smith Field**  
**Info: 915-568-2617**

Check In: 9-9:45am  
Race Times: Dasher's 1 Mile: 10am  
Rudolph's Take Off 5K: 10:05am  
Ages 18+: \$3 • Shirts: \$5  
Registration is required. To register scan QR code.

**AGES 17 & UNDER FREE!**  
18+ : \$3

ONLINE REGISTRATION



# Fort Bliss MWR CY S



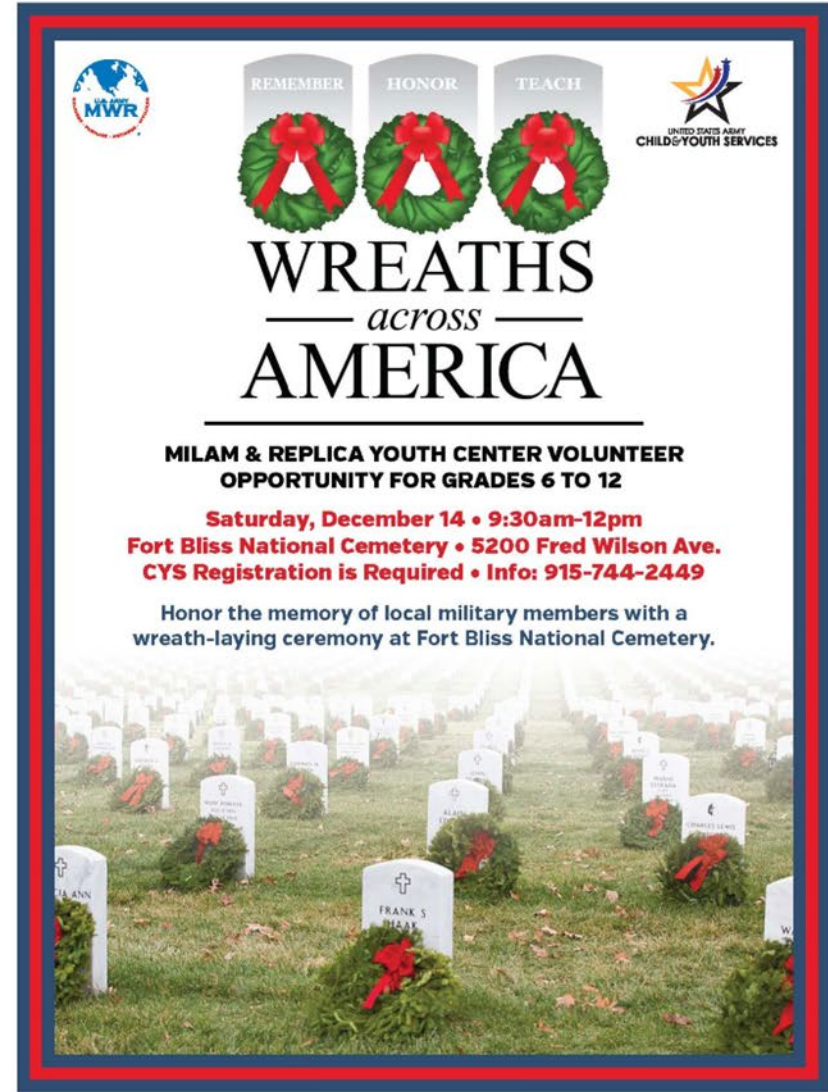
# THANKSGIVING CAMP






   
UNITED STATES ARMY CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES 10960 Hann Rd.

**November 25-27**  
**8am-1pm**  
**Milam Youth Center**

Registration is required and can be done at any CY S facility.  
Cost is based on household income.  
Call 915-744-2449 for more information.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO




    

## WREATHS *across* AMERICA

**MILAM & REPLIC A YOUTH CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADES 6 TO 12**

**Saturday, December 14 • 9:30am-12pm**  
**Fort Bliss National Cemetery • 5200 Fred Wilson Ave.**  
**CYS Registration is Required • Info: 915-744-2449**

Honor the memory of local military members with a wreath-laying ceremony at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.



# Fort Bliss MWR Business

 bliss.armymwr.com

## Breakfast with Santa

**December 8 and December 15**  
Seatings at 8:30am-10am & 10:30am-12pm

Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet  
Take free photos with Santa  
Kids receive a small gift

\$18.95 ages 15-adult • \$8.95 children ages 6-14  
Children 5 and under EAT FREE!

\*\* Reservations are required \*\*  
Info/Reservations : 915-568-5026

3730 Roy Johnson Lane  
(915) 568-5026







3200 Coe Ave, Bldg. 3193  
(915) 568-1059/3641



# Holiday Golf Sale



**Saturday,  
December 14 • 8am-4pm  
Underwood Golf Complex**

The Holiday Ornament sale is the perfect time to take care of that special golfer in your family. Select the merchandise you want to purchase, pick out an ornament and receive the discount inside the ornament!

Enjoy complimentary wine and cheese while you shop.

Open to the public, DOD ID Cardholders and Active Duty 18 + older. Information: 915-568-1059.

**\*GET UP TO 100% OFF!**

\*Discount excludes Titleist and Ping products.

# Fort Bliss MWR Business



**Saturday,  
December 21 • 8:30am-2:30pm  
Underwood Golf Complex**

This tournament is a 2-man Best Ball event with an 8:30am shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$65 per person. Fee includes green & cart fees lunch and a Christmas Ham.

Registration is required. Deadline to register is noon, Friday, December 20 at the Pro Shop. Open to the public, DOD ID Cardholders & Active Duty ages 18+.

Info: 915-568-1059 or [bliss.armymwr.com](http://bliss.armymwr.com)

3200 Coe Ave, Bldg. 3193  
(915) 568-1059/3641



# MWR BOSS



Open to Active Duty Single Soldiers 18+.

## BOSS REP MEETING

### BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS



Linktree# /blissboss

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

1-2 PM SOLDIER ACTIVITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
20732 CONSTITUTION AVE.

[f /TeamBlissBOSS](#) [i /TeamBlissBOSS](#) [DISCORD](#)



**BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS**

**CALENDAR  
OCT. - DEC.**

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### RECREATION AND LEISURE

<b>BOSS Kickback</b>	<b>OCT 3 • NOV 7 • DEC 5</b>	Monti Warrior Zone • 1700-1900
<b>BOSP Lake Day</b>	<b>OCT 6</b>	Ascarate Park • 1100-1500
<b>Line Dance</b>	<b>OCT 9</b>	Soto PFC • 1800-2000
<b>Paintball</b>	<b>NOV 9</b>	El Paso Paintball • 1000-1300 • \$25
<b>Snow Tubing</b>	<b>DEC 29</b>	Cloudcroft, NM • 0800-1600 • \$30
<b>Top Golf Tuesday</b>	<b>Every Tuesday</b>	Top Golf El Paso • 1900-2100 • \$10-15

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

<b>Amigo Airsho</b>	<b>OCT 12 • OCT 13</b>	Biggs Army Airfield • 0800-1500
<b>Zombie Run</b>	<b>OCT 19</b>	Biggs Park • 1600-1900
<b>Trees for Troops</b>	<b>DEC 6</b>	Biggs Park • 0900-1200

### QUALITY OF LIFE

<b>BOSS Meeting</b>	<b>OCT 1 • NOV 5 • DEC 3</b>	Soldier Activity Center • 1300-1400
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### LIFE SKILLS

<b>Woodshop</b>	<b>NOV 16</b>	White Sands Missile Range • 0800-1600
<b>SCUBA</b>	<b>DEC 7</b>	Aquatics Training Center • 1000-1700
<b>Western Hat</b>	<b>DEC 14</b>	Art and Hobby • 1100-1400
<b>Stained Glass</b>	<b>DEC 21</b>	Art and Hobby • 1000-1400

# Fort Bliss MWR Recreation



## Outdoor Recreation Calendar

Tickets to scheduled events can be purchased at:  
**Roberto Loeza Soldier Activity Center (SAC)**  
 20732 Constitution Ave. (915) 744-1532

[WEBPAGE](#) 
[FACEBOOK](#) 
[INSTAGRAM](#) 

TRIPS - Trip sign-up must be paid in advance at the Soldier Activity Center.		COST
<b>Wine Tour</b> Local Wineries 11:15am- 6pm	OCT 19 & NOV 30	\$40
<b>Intro to S.C.U.B.A</b> Aquatics Training Center • 9:30-11:30am or 1-3:30pm	OCT 19	\$50
<b>Rock Climbing (Rough &amp; Ready)</b> Las Cruces • 8am-5pm	OCT 26	\$35
<b>Anthony Gap Cave Trail (2.6 miles)</b> Franklin Mountains State Park • 8am- 4pm	NOV 16	\$25
<b>Bikes &amp; Brews</b> Chuck Heinrich Park • 8am-2pm	DEC 14	\$35

EVENTS & CLASSES		COST
<b>Kid's Outdoor Scavenger Hunt</b> Soldier Activity Center	OCT 1 - DEC 14	FREE
<b>Kids Day on the Wall</b> Soldier Activity Center • 12-6pm (ages 5+ - Parents must be present)	OCT 5 & 6 / NOV 2 & 3 / DEC 7 & 8	\$10
<b>Introduction to Climbing</b> Soldier Activity Center • 1-2:30pm (ages 12+)	OCT 20	\$10
<b>Laser Tag</b> Biggs Park • 1-2:30pm (ages 5+ - Parents must be present)	OCT 27	\$10
<b>Bike Maintenance Class</b> Soldier Activity Center • 5-6pm	NOV 4	\$10
<b>High Ropes Course</b> Soldier Activity Center • 1-3pm (ages 12+)	NOV 23	\$25

**CLIMBING WALL**  
 Every day • 10am-7pm • Robert Loeza Soldier Activity Center • **Ages 18 & over welcome.**  
**FREE for Active Duty.** DOD Cardholders & General Public: \$10 • Monthly Pass: \$50

**WARRIOR ADVENTURE QUEST BRIEF** - required to participate in WAQ  
 Every Thursday • 12-12:30pm • Robert Loeza Soldier Activity Center Conference Room

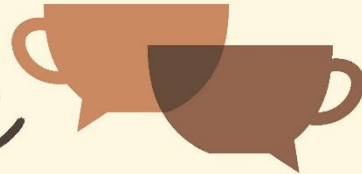
**\*Pay on site for all events held at Biggs Park. Cash only!**



# Fort Bliss MWR Army Community Service



## Coffee and Connections



Third Friday of each month • 5-6:30pm  
Freedom Crossing - Starbucks seating area

Enjoy a cup of coffee, have a conversation, and build connections in the community for families with children with special needs along with your EFMP staff. Children of all ages are welcome.

Please call 915-568-9129 to register, space is limited.

**STARTING APRIL 19, 2024**

**TREES FOR TROOPS**  
www.TreesForTroops.org

**December 13**  
**Distribution Biggs Park**

See below for distribution information

**0900 - While Trees are Available (Priority)**  
Hearts Apart Families  
E-5 and Below

**HEARTS APART**  
Empowerment Group  
Fort Bliss, Texas

**0900 - 1100**  
E5 & Below

**1100 - until gone**  
All Ranks & Retirees

*MILITARY ID CARD HOLDERS ONLY  
TREE STANDS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.  
MUST PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVE TREES*

*DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO DELIVERY OF TREES  
\*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST, CHECK FORT BLISS MWR FACEBOOK  
FOR AVAILABILITY THE DAY OF THE EVENT.*

# Religious Support Office (Chaplain)

## *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.

**Ongoing:** AWANA Tuesday @ 1730

**20NOV:** PWOC Friendsgiving

**22NOV:** Fort Bliss Homeschool Association Friendsgiving

**29NOV-02DEC:** Bishop Buckon's visit

**06DEC:** Fort Bliss Homeschool Association Christmas Party

**11DEC:** PWOC Coffee & Chit Chat

**15DEC:** Gospel Service hosts a Christmas Play

**15DEC:** El Paso Community Chanukah on the Plaza

**17DEC:** PWOC Christmas Program

**20DEC:** Gospel Service has a Candlelight Service

**20DEC:** Shabbat Service and Chanukah Candle Lighting

**24DEC:** Fort Bliss Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at CC1

**24DEC:** Catholic Christmas Eve Mass

**25DEC:** Catholic Christmas Mass

**31DEC:** Gospel Service presents a Watchnight Service



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

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

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The graphic features four hands of different skin tones (white, brown, black, and tan) holding red hearts. The background is white with colorful starburst patterns in blue, orange, and yellow. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'TeamBliss' with the tagline 'Serving the Nation' and an American flag. In the top right corner, there is a circular emblem with a book and the Latin motto 'PRO DEO ET PATRIA'. The text 'OPERATION HELPING HANDS' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below this, it says 'DONATIONS TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT TO ASSIST SOLDIERS FOR BOTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY AND ONE TIME SUPPORT PROGRAMS'. A QR code is centered, with the text 'QR CODE' above it and 'BLISS-OPERATION HELPING HAND- CAJY' below it. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE 448 PERSHING RD. FORT BLISS TX. (915) 568-1519'.

**TeamBliss**  
"Serving the Nation"

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**Annual RSO Thanksgiving  
Turkey and Food Basket**

**Friday 22NOV2024**

**More details coming soon....**



*Thanksgiving Baskets*

# Religious Support Office (Chaplain)

Join us for Fort Bliss AWANA

## Fun and Learning Await at AWANA!

Registration for  
volunteers & children  
**OPEN!**



**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

# Religious Support Office (Chaplain)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CENTER CHAPEL 2

1542 Sheridan Rd. Fort Bliss, Tex 79916

## THANKSGIVING DAY

## MASS CELEBRATION

28 NOVEMBER 2024

AT 9:00AM

CENTER CHAPEL 2

*Come to give  
thanks to God for  
the many gifts  
that he provides  
for us in our lives.*



# Religious Support Office (Chaplain)

PWOC Ladies Night

*Friendsgiving*

POTLUCK DINNER



11/20/2024

5:00 - 8:00 PM

1AD Chapel Fellowship Hall  
11272 Biggs St. Ft. Bliss, TX 79918

Sign-up to bring a dish here  
[bit.ly/FBPWOC\\_Friendsgiving24](https://bit.ly/FBPWOC_Friendsgiving24)

Protestant Women of the Chapel

*Coffee &  
Chit Chat*



DEC. 11, 2024 | 10 AM - 12 PM

All ladies welcome! Don't worry if you're not a coffee drinker!  
Bring your favorite drink or buy one at the food court.

Starbucks @ Freedom Crossing

\*In the event of inclement weather, meet in the food court

# Religious Support Office (Chaplain)

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**Coming Together To Celebrate The Birth of Christ**

TUESDAY  
24DEC2024  
1700

CENTR CHAPEL ONE  
315 PERSHING ROAD



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PROTESTANT WOMEN  
OF THE CHAPEL

## Christmas Program Day

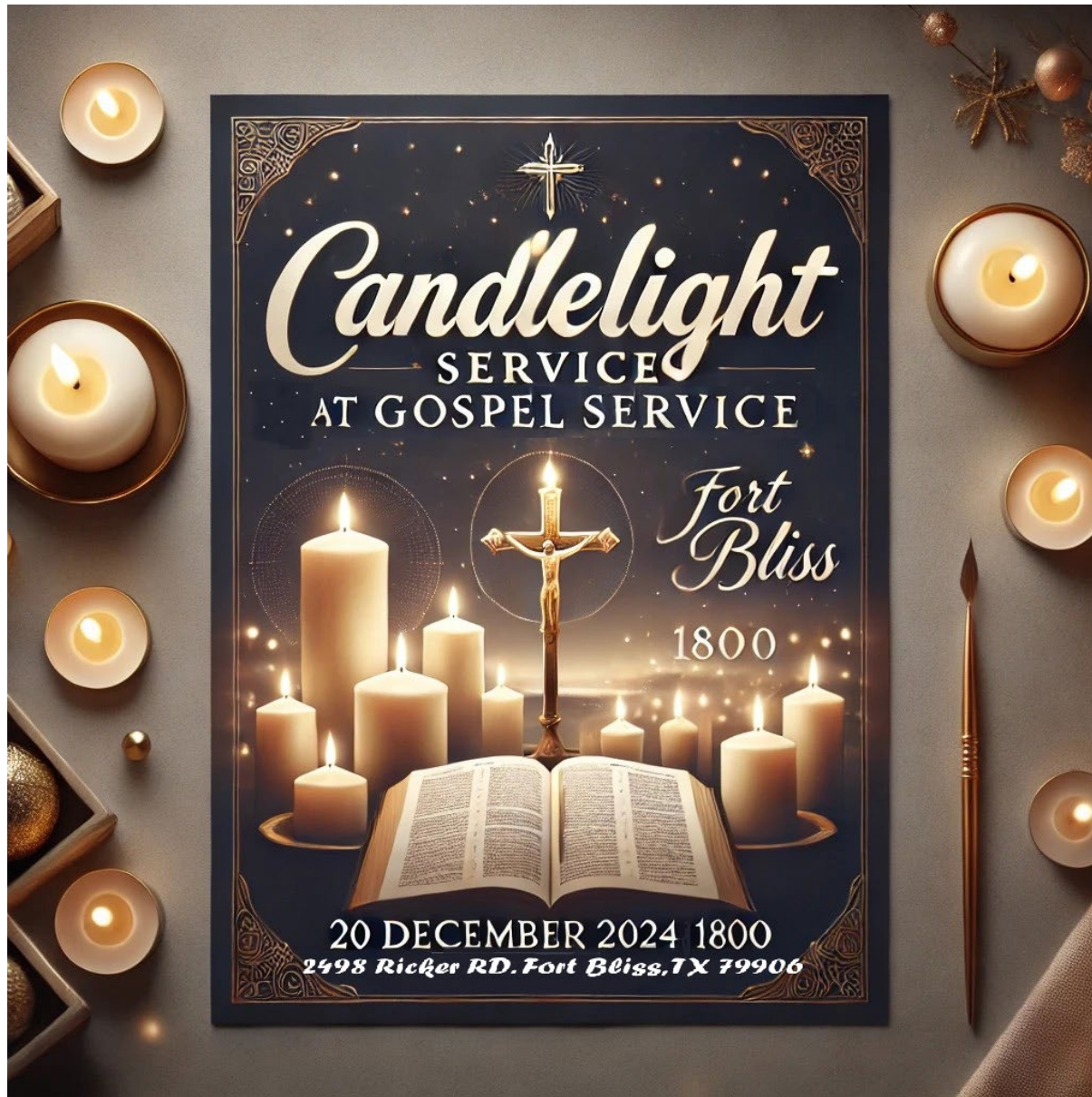
**17 DECEMBER, 2024**  
**9:00 AM - 11:45 AM**

FELLOWSHIP | FOOD | CRAFTS  
Watchcare Available FCFS

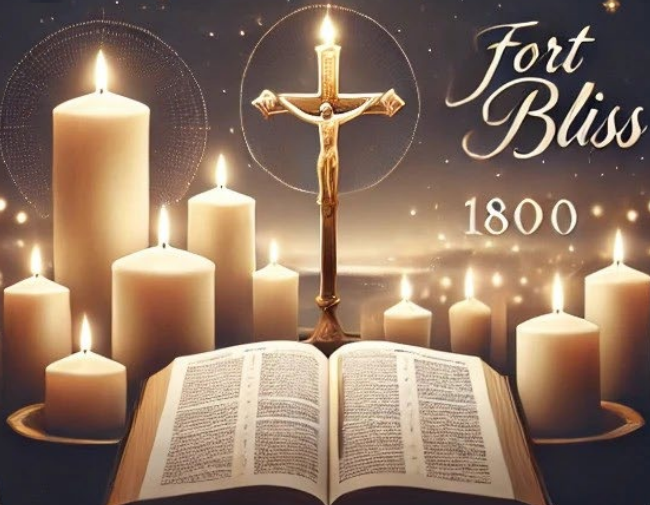
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*Candlelight*  
SERVICE  
AT GOSPEL SERVICE



*Fort  
Bliss*  
1800

20 DECEMBER 2024 1800  
*2498 Ricker RD. Fort Bliss, TX 79906*

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## CATHOLIC BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT



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BISHOP BUCKON'S PASTORAL VISIT

29 November 2024 – 02 December 2024

29 NOV 1800hrs Dinner with the Knights of Columbus

30 NOV 1030hrs Brunch with the Catholic Community

1700hrs Confirmation Mass

1830hrs Fellowship with the Community



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Center Chapel 2  
1542 Sheridan Rd. Fort Bliss, TX 79916

## *Christmas Celebration*

24 December 2024

### CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS

1700hrs Family Mass

2100hrs Christmas Carols 



2300hrs Midnight Mass

25 December 2024

### CHRISTMAS DAY

1000hrs Christmas Mass

*Let us celebrate together the Nativity of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.*



# Religious Support Office (Chaplain)



## Jewish Chanukah Celebration



*Soldiers, Civilians, Families, and Community Members Welcome!*

### Event Details



#### 1. **El Paso Community Chanukah on the Plaza**

- San Jacinto Plaza, Downtown El Paso
- Sunday, 15 DEC 2024 @ 1500
- Cultural festival, music, and candle lighting
- Join CH Frommer for the celebration

#### 2. **Shabbat Service and Chanukah Candle Lighting**

- Chapel 3, 1441 Pershing Rd., Fort Bliss
- Friday, 20 DEC 2024 @ 1800
- Kid-friendly activities with PJ Library
- Kosher Dinner after services from B'nai Zion
- RSVP by 16 DEC for dinner and childcare



*With support from Jewish Federation of El Paso & Las Cruces*

POC: CH (MAJ) David Frommer, Jewish Chaplain

david.p.frommer.mil@army.mil, (646) 648-2778



# Religious Support Office (Chaplain)



FBH REGISTERED FAMILIES WELCOME

## FRIENDSGIVING DINNER

Please join us for a Thanksgiving potluck dinner!

November 2024

6PM to 8PM @ 1AD Chapel

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 15, 2024

Like & Follow @Fort Bliss Homeschoolers on Facebook to register with the FBH.

fortblisshomeschoolers@gmail.com

All food/treats must be nut-free for the safety of our families

FBH REGISTERED FAMILIES WELCOME

## HOLIDAY party

HOT COCOA/APPETIZER POTLUCK/  
GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING/  
MUSIC/GAMES

DECEMBER  
2024

6PM to 8PM

RSVP BY 02 DECEMBER

LIKE & FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK  
@FORT BLISS HOMESCHOOLERS TO REGISTER WITH FBH!

FORTBLISSHOMESCHOOLERS@GMAIL.COM

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# Fort Bliss Family Homes Holiday Decorating Tips



## Holiday decorations:

Lighted seasonal decorations on the exterior of the home may be used between the hours of 1800-2300 starting the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, 29th of November 2024 through 5th January 2025 (they should not remain on during the day or all night)

Even though it looks very pretty rooftop, and second story decorations are prohibited.

Please do not use nails, spikes or glue to hang up decorations.

Candle (open flame) luminaires are not allowed.

Please refrain from using canned snow which can be very difficult to remove.

We look forward to seeing all the holiday cheer and as always please enjoy the holiday spirit and stay tuned to our social media feeds for upcoming events.

*Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and Happy Kwanzaa*



# Fort Bliss Spouses' Association

- **Membership:** Total of 171 members currently.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - November Make It, Bake It, Fake It Association Dinner: 11/19 (more details TBD)
  - December Tour of Homes: 12/08, Check-in at 1400, Tour 1500-1700. Discounted tickets available until 11/30.  
<https://www.thefbsa.org/event-details/tour-of-homes-1>
- **Coming Soon!** Scholarship application will be live in December.  
Eligibility:
  - All spouses and dependents of Active Duty or Retired Military, Gold Star Families, GS Civilian Employees. Your sponsor must be assigned to the Ft. Bliss / El Paso area, and eligible child dependents must be younger than 23 up to the application deadline.
  - Learn more: <https://www.thefbsa.org/scholarships>



# Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)

- On **Thanksgiving Day**, the Commissary will be **CLOSED**.
- On **Christmas Eve**, the Commissary will be **open from 0800-1600**.
- On **Christmas Day** the Commissary will be **CLOSED**.
- On **New Years Eve**, the Commissary will **open for regular store hours**.
- On **New Years Day**, the Commissary will be **CLOSED**.
- The Commissary will now be opening at 0730 to allow Infirm and/or Disabled customers to shop before the regularly scheduled opening time. Only Self-Checkout Registers will be available until 0800.

# The Exchange Events!

## Main Store Exchange

- Black Friday One day sale MS doors open at 0800
- Christmas Card Event with Santa - 7 Dec Tues at 1300-1500
- National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day - 20 Dec Friday at 1200-1500
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$50 AAFES Gift Card
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$25.00 AAFES Gift Card
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10.00 AAFES Gift Card

## Lifestyle Center Food Court

- Starbucks – Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Family Connections – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Every month
- Thanksgiving Coloring Contest - 1 - 26 November announced winner on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place filled cornucopias
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10.00 AAFES Restaurant Gift Card
- Bingo Christmas for Seniors - 6 Dec Fri at 1500-1700 prizes to be determined
- Pictures with the Grinch Photo Booth will include toy & candy give aways - 14 Dec Sat at 1200-1600
- Mrs. Clause Story time T 'was the night before Christmas with Starbucks Coco - 21 Dec Sat at 1400-1600

## Freedom Crossing

- Holiday of Heroes- 13 December Friday at 1700-2000
  - 1AD Band

## Bliss Services

- Elf on shelf - Look for the Elf at participating vendors and win a prize
  - Date to be determined



## SPOUSE EDUCATION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



## Fact Sheet

# Career and Education Support Made for MilSpouses

Frequent relocations and extended deployments can make it difficult for military spouses to pursue an education and build careers. That's why the Defense Department established the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program. Part of the Military OneSource suite of support to service members and families, SECO is made to specifically support all spouses with things like career exploration, education, training and licensing, employment readiness and career connections - all for free.



### Professional career coaching

Reach your employment goals with the assistance of a SECO career coach or advisor. Call 800-342-9647 to schedule a one-on-one consultation with a SECO career coach or start a chat online.

<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/seco-career-coaching-services>

### Scholarships just for you

See if you are eligible to receive up to \$4,000 in MyCAA scholarship funding for licensure, certifications or an associate degree.

<https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa>

### Employers that want your skills

Connect with hundreds of MSEP employers that are committed to recruiting, hiring, promoting and retaining military spouse talent.

<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/military-spouse-employment-partnership>

### Extra support every step of the way

Connect with resources at every stage of your service member's career, from starting out to transitioning back to civilian life.

<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/mystep>

### Online resources and tools

Find jobs, search for scholarships and more through this one-stop online career and education toolbox filled with valuable information, resources and interactive features.

<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/>

## Desert Winter Wonderland (Lights at Ascarate Park)

- Kick Off - Dec. 7 (Lights will be on Dec. 7-Jan.6)
- Posada (Ascarate Pavilion)- Dec. 14
- Santa with Cookies ( Ascarate Pavilion) - Dec. 21

# El Paso County Illumina Public Library Calendar of Events



## NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## NOVIEMBRE 2024 CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
 Sign-up for a library card here				 Enhanced ID Card @ 12 pm- 4 pm
4 Happy Monday!	5 Follow Us on Instagram: @epdigiLibrary 	6 Conversational English @ 6 pm	7 Computer Class @ 6 pm	8 Enhanced ID Card @ 12 pm- 4 pm
 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	12 Happy Tuesday!	13 Conversational English @ 6 pm	14 Computer Class @ 6 pm	15 Enhanced ID Card @ 12 pm- 4 pm
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LUN	MAR	MIE	JUE	VIE
 Regístrate para un tarjeta de biblioteca aquí				 ID Optimizado de 12 pm a 4 pm
4 ¡Feliz lunes!	5 Siguenos en Instagram: @epdigiLibrary 	6 Inglés conversacional a las 6 pm	7 Clase de computación a las 6 pm	8 ID Optimizado de 12 pm a 4 pm
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915-273-3409



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915-273-3409



LUNES-VIERNES  
9 AM-6 PM  
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# El Paso County

## Coming Soon to Freedom Crossing!

- The County will be installing a Kiosk (where technology integrates services and interfaces with internal departments into the platform).
- The kiosks are geared to expand services for residents who reside further from the Courthouse and other County facilities.
- Services include:
  - Payments
  - Accessing the courts and justice case management system, Enterprise Justice
  - Case Portal Access
  - Information about County Departments

