

Community Information Exchange

September 2026

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).	<u>Attendees:</u> • 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	<u>Agenda:</u> 1. Opening Comments: Garrison CDR 2. Calendar Review: MWR Rep 3. DFMWR Updates: MWR Rep 4. BOSS 5. DPW 6. DES 7. Two-Minute Drill ☐ Other Garrison / Installation Agencies ☐ City & County Update 8. Question & Answers (30 Minutes) 9. Closing Comments: Garrison CDR
<u>Timing & Details:</u> Frequency: Monthly, except DEC & JUL Time: 1 hour, 1200-1300, 3rd Wed Location: Centennial Conf Center Medium: Facebook & In-Person		<u>Inputs:</u> • CG Decisions • Bliss Synch Events Working Group • Fort Bliss Ceremonies & Protocol Events • Local Events & Community Relations
<u>Primary POC:</u> USAG: Ms. Alexis Escobar-Paz (DFMWR)	<u>Outputs:</u> • Information for unit SFRGs • Community Awareness & Advertising	

Opening Comments

Outstanding Fort Bliss Soldier, Civilian & Spouse

Upcoming Events



Sept. 18 & 19, 6pm – 12am (ages 18+)
 Sept. 20, 11am – 3pm (Family Day)
 Biggs Park
 FREE



Sept. 25, 1 – 4pm
 Biggs Park
 Open to Single Soldiers & Active
 Duty Soldiers
 FREE



Sept. 26, 9am – 1pm
 Marshall Park
 Open to all ages
 FREE

30 DAYS

[SEPT 19: Water Festival 2026](#)

[SEPT 18 & 19: Oktoberfest](#)

[SEPT 20: Oktoberfest – Family Day](#)

[SEPT 23: Disney on Ice: Jump In!](#)

[SEPT 25: Commander's Cup 8K Run/Race](#)

[SEPT 25: Adult Book Club](#)

[SEPT 25: Boss Bash at the Boardwalk](#)

[SEPT 26: Auto Crafts Car Show](#)

[SEPT 26: Bikes & Brews](#)

[SEPT 26: Supporting Veterans BBQ Cook-Off](#)

[OCT 1 & 3: Metal Embossing with Romy Hawkins](#)

[OCT 3: License to Carry Class](#)

[OCT 3: Breast Cancer Awareness Volleyball](#)

[Tournament](#)

[OCT 4: BOSS – Rescue Runners](#)

[OCT 6: Toddler Storytime](#)

[OCT 10: Dad's Day at the Park](#)

[OCT 10: BorderLAN Gaming Fest](#)

[OCT 10: Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert](#)

ONGOING

[100 Mile Swim Club](#)

[Parent & Child Swim Lessons](#)

[Hiking & Biking Challenge](#)

[After School Hangout at the Library](#)

[Home School Board Game Days at the Library](#)



STAY
in the know
Connect with MWR!

Keeping up with Army MWR is easy.



Sign up for our **email newsletter** to stay in the know about MWR programs and events!



- Fort Bliss Events
- El Paso Events



60 DAYS

[OCT 16-17: Vibrant Visions Art Show](#)

[OCT 17: Halloween BOO-Ling](#)

[OCT 17: Community Postwide Yard Sale](#)

[OCT 17: Halloween BBQ Market](#)

[OCT 17 \(to DEC 3\): Commander's Cup Indoor Soccer](#)

[OCT 23: Adult Book Club](#)

[OCT 24: Dia de los Muertos Festival](#)

[OCT 24 & 25: Amigo Airsho](#)

[OCT 24: Spooky Floating Pumpkin Patch](#)

[OCT 26 \(to NOV 6\): Dia de los Deadlifts](#)

[OCT 29: Candelight: A Haunted Evening of
Halloween Classics](#)

[OCT 30 & 31: Freedom Fright](#)

[OCT 31: Halloween Fun Shoot](#)

[OCT 31: Boo at the Zoo!](#)

 Fort Bliss Events

 El Paso Events

ONGOING

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[Home School Board Game Days at the Library](#)



DFMWR

Army Community Service



START YOUR
Journey
HERE

A Faster Way to Connect with Programs and Services.



915-569-4ACS



Event and Outreach Coordinator

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My Goal!: Make it easier for you to find the right space, services and support for your next event.

Events like: Balls, FRS Welcomes, staff calls, holiday parties, LPDs, promotion ceremonies, FRG Meetings, Private Events



MWR Facilities

Underwood Golf Course



Pershing Pub
Grand Opening!

Centennial
Banquet Center



Monti Warrior Zone



Desert Strike
Lanes Bowling



Rod and Gun



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Book your next event with us, contact us!



October

November

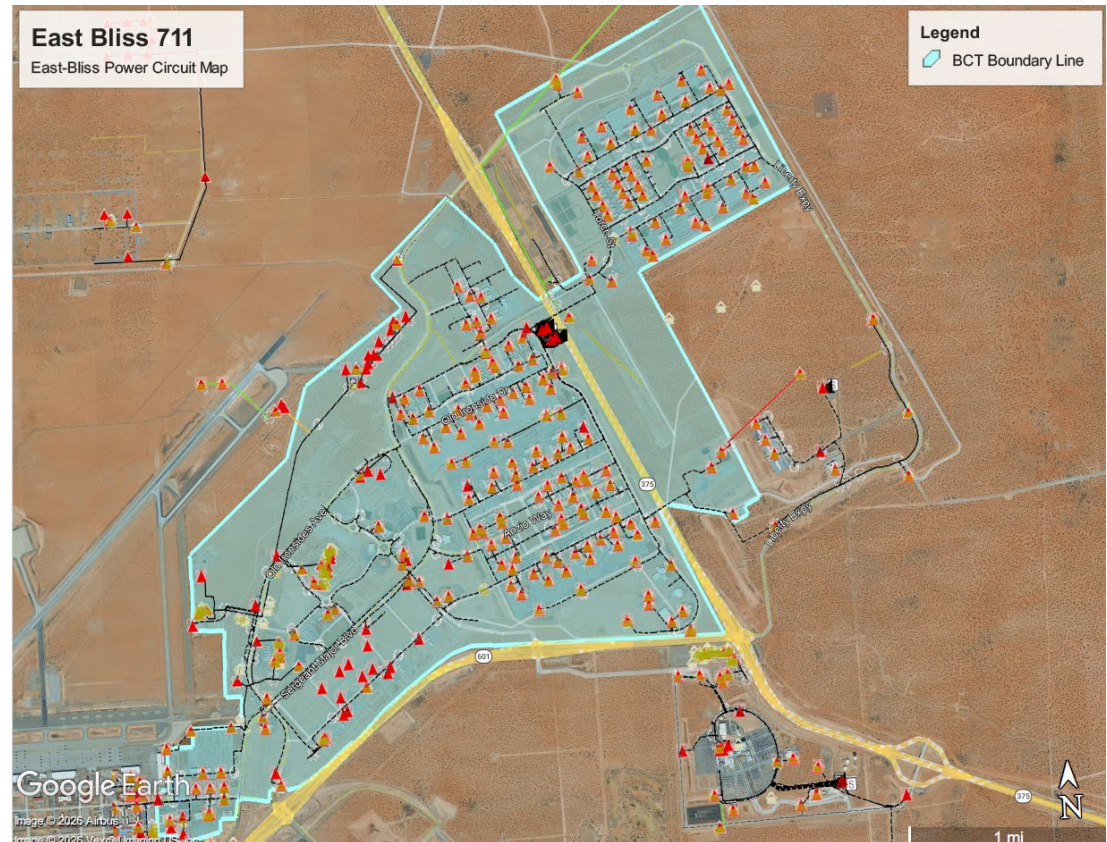
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East Bliss Microgrid Island Mode Test

- From RGEN, the cyan color identifies the areas that will not have distribution power during the Test.
- The microgrid hardens Fort Bliss Energy Infrastructure.

Test Baseline:

- The Fort Bliss BCT Island Mode Test is scheduled for 03-04 OCT
- Two consecutive 12-hour outage days (0800-2000 hrs.)
- The power outage will affect all East Bliss to include all traffic lights. Over four hundred facilities



Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

Heavy Medics Road Repairs.

- **Scope of Work**
 - Replacement of existing concrete pavement, base material, and curb.
- **Construction Details**
 - Project will be executed in one phase.
 - Heavy Medics will be completely closed

Construction Start Date: 28 September 2026

Estimated Completion Date: 28 October 2026



Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

Old Ironsides Road Repairs.

- **Scope of Work**
 - Replacement of existing concrete pavement, base material, and curb.
- **Construction Details**
 - Project will be executed in two phases.
 - One lane will remain open in each direction

Construction Start Date: 19 November 2026 (Tentative)

Estimated Completion Date: Last week of December 2026 (Tentative)



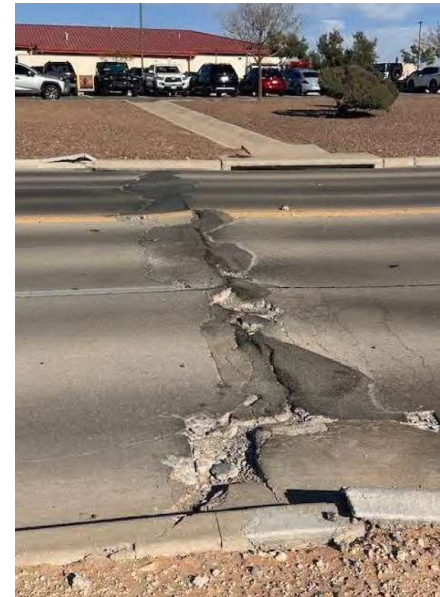
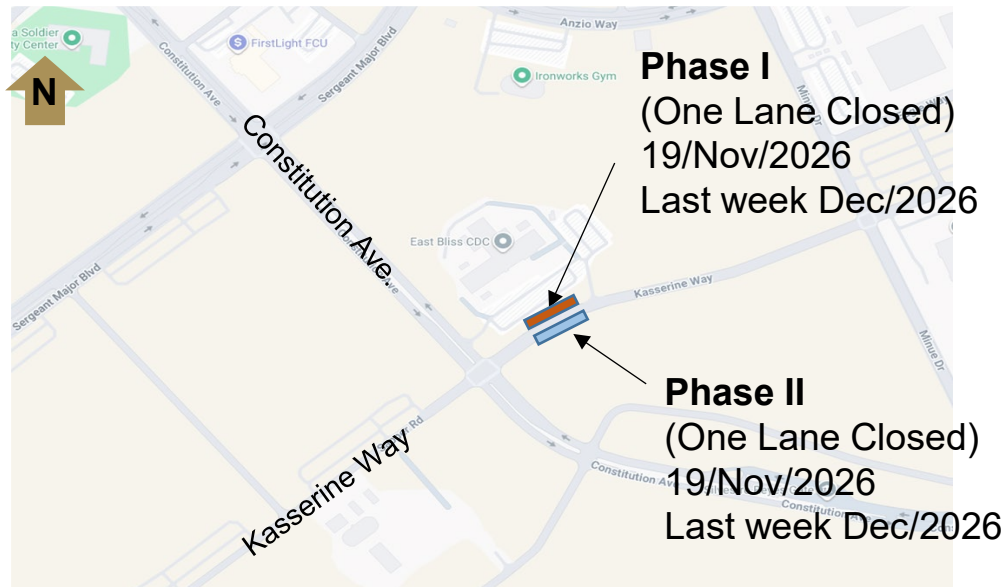
Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

Kasserine Road Repairs.

- **Scope of Work**
 - Replacement of existing concrete pavement, base material, and curb.
- **Construction Details**
 - Project will be executed in two phases.
 - One lane will remain open in each direction

Construction Start Date: 19 November 2026 (Tentative)

Estimated Completion Date: Last week of December 2026 (Tentative)



Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

Liberty Road Repairs.

- **Scope of Work**
 - Replacement of existing concrete pavement, base material, and curb.
- **Construction Details**
 - Project will be executed in two phases.
 - One lane will remain open in each direction

Construction Start Date: 19 November 2026 (Tentative)

Estimated Completion Date: Last week of December 2026 (Tentative)



Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

Sergeant Major Road Repairs.

- **Scope of Work**
 - Replacement of existing concrete pavement, base material, and curb.
- **Construction Details**
 - Project will be executed in two phases.
 - One lane will remain open in each direction

Construction Start Date: 19 November 2026 (Tentative)

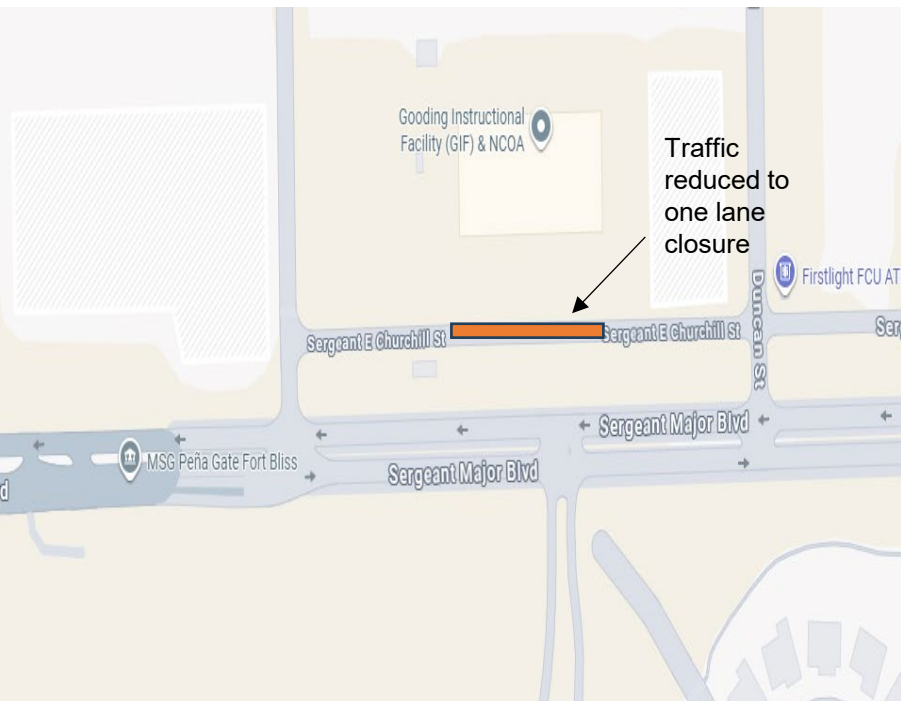
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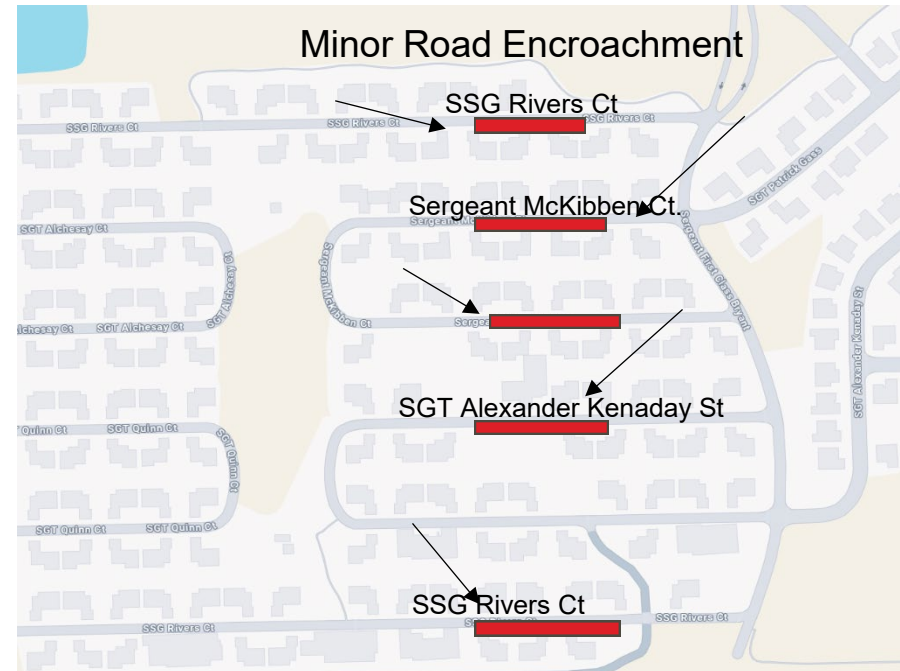
Directorate of Public Works

Stout Gym/Biggs URD Conductor Replacement - Traffic Control Plan

- Location: Sergeant Major Blvd.
- Road Impacts: Sergeant Major Blvd. Lane closure on four lane road, one lane reduced approximately 500' to 700' for shoulder work.
- Begin Construction: 10/5/2026
- End Construction: 10/16/2026



- **Location:** Aero Vista Housing
- **Road Impacts:** Minor road encroachment at intersections of SSG Rivers Ct (North), Sergeant McKibben Ct., Sergeant Koehler Ct, & SSG. Rivers Ct. (South) Behind Housing.
- **Begin Construction:** 10/19/2026
- **End Construction:** 10/30/2026



Submitting a DMO

IS SOMETHING IN YOUR FACILITY IN NEED OF REPAIR?



ARMA

SEE SOMETHING IN YOUR FACILITY IN NEED OF REPAIR,
REPORT IT WITH ARMA

SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO OPEN ARMA
AND SUBMIT A MAINTENANCE/REPAIR REQUEST



FOR **EMERGENCIES** AND **LIFE/HEALTH/SAFETY**
RELATED ISSUES, PLEASE CALL THE
FORT BLISS DPW DIRECTLY AT
(915) 64-BLISS (642-5477)

maintenance.army.mil

- **ArMA:** maintenance.army.mil
- **Telephone:** 915-64-BLISS, (915-642-5477)
- **Walk-in:** Service Order Desk (SOD), Bldg. 123, Slater Rd, between Cassidy/Chaffee.

DO NOT USE THE APP for Life/Health/Safety emergency repairs (P1)- call 915-64-BLISS (915) 642-5477)

For Life Threatening Emergencies, call 911.

- If you have issues with your DMOs, contact:
 - **Ms. Ciera Adkins (COR)**
 - Desk: 915-569-7608
 - Teams: 520-684-7319
 - ciera.f.adkins.civ@army.mil
 - **Ms. Mercedes Ortega (ACOR)**
 - Desk: 915-568-6973
 - Teams: 520-684-6080
 - mercedes.ortega2.civ@army.mil
- **For BBC Housing Area Maintenance issues call : 915-564-0459**
 - Opt #1 – Maintenance
 - www.fortblissfamilyhomes.com
 - Maintenance Facility Location: 6601 Lutes Circle, El Paso, TX 79906
 - Maintenance Application: RentCafé.com

Directorate of Emergency Services

Traffic & Safety Improvements: Bliss & Milam Elementary Schools



Milam

- ☐ School leadership re-enforcing crossing guard training & attentiveness
- 1** Replacing/refreshing “NO PARKING” signs
- 2** Replacing/refreshing/repositioning “Crosswalk”, “School Zone” signs
- 3** Awaiting a “Right of Entry” from Balfour Beatty Communities to construct a crushed asphalt temporary road to alleviate traffic from Luke St. during pickup/dropoff.



Bliss

- ☐ School leadership re-enforcing crossing guard training & attentiveness
- 1** Installing a “Not a Crosswalk” sign for painted over crosswalk
- 2** Replacing/repositioning “No Parking”, “Enter”, and “Exit” signs
- 3** Crosswalk repainted-Will add signage indicating “School Zone”
- 4** Temporary Cross Walk sign installed. Will move “School Zone” farther South of Cross Walk. Reducing Speed limit within School Zone.

Alibis & Announcements

Two-Minute Drill per Speaker

☐ RSO

☐ Fort Bliss Family Homes

☐ DECA

☐ MOAA

Religious Support Office (Chaplain)

Upcoming Events

- 20SEP** – PWOC FantaShe Football Draft
- 25SEP** – Proverbs 22:6 La Union Maze Field Trip
- 23OCT** – Proverbs 22:6 Geography Fair
- 2nd & 4th Saturdays** – CWOC Faith, Friendship, & Fellowship
- 5th Sunday** – Family and Friend Day (Gospel Service)

Ongoing Activities/Ministries:

- Operation Helping Hand allows 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.
- AWANA - Sunday @ 1600
- Family Life Chaplain Center (449 Pershing Road)
- Proverbs 22:6 (FBHA), including monthly field trips and other activities
- PWOC Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Tuesday @ 0900

**For Virtual Religious Services and most
Updated worship service schedule, please call 915-568-1519**



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, 27th of November 2026 through 18th January 2027 (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 Commissary

CIE Information

- **Best Deals in town to grab your Halloween Candy. Mass display located near the deli bakery area.**
- ***Engaging with Field Engineer on proposed new outdoor New Main Entrance signage to enhance curb appeal!***
- Point of Sale Systems will be upgraded soon.. More information to follow as we gather more details.
- Fort Bliss Commissary is FULLY staffed at 100% to best serve our valuable customers.
- **BlissCo:** Our Second Annual BlissCo event was a success garnering a 6.7% increase in sales! Big Thanks to all of our loyal customers who came out to take advantage of huge saving on our Club Pack items.
- **Church & Dwight Savings Event:** Fort Bliss took First Place in the Annual Church and Dwight sales event. This is a worldwide DeCA contest and your Fort Bliss won the number one spot!
- The Commissary will begin selling fresh fruit and Vegetables at the Exchange farmers market events held bi-weekly in the Exchange parking lot.
- **Beat the Heat:** Your Fort Bliss Commissary has our Summer Beverage campaign down Aisle 1.



MOAA El Paso Chapter



70th Anniversary Initiatives



- **NEXT LUNCHEON 6 December 2026**

- ✓ COL WENDY GRAY, WBAMC COMMANDER IS GUEST SPEAKER
- ✓ OFFICER INDUCTION
- ✓ DONATION COLLECTION FOR ASYMCE

- **SUPPORTING RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY**

- **COMMUNITY EFFORTS BEING WORKED ON**

- ✓ SURVIVING SPOUSE TOPICS
- ✓ SUPPORTING THANKSGIVING EFFORTS FOR SOLDIERS REMAINING ON POST
- ✓ SUPPORTING CHRISTMAS EFFORTS FOR SOLDIERS REMAINING ON POST

**NEVER STOP
SERVING!**



Questions & Answers

CIE Winners

METAL EMBOSSING

with Romy Hawkins



October 1
5-7pm &
October 3
10am-2pm

Art & Hobby Shop
820 Marshall Rd.
\$50p/p (2 day class)
Info: 915-568-5563

Metal Embossing is a very culture driven form of art in the El Paso area. Join Art & Hobby in learning the art of producing 3-D designs on the surface of the metal.

Price Includes materials & instruction. Registration is required and can be done at the Art & Hobby Shop.

Participants must attend both days, open to ages 18+.






BIKES AND BREWS

SEPTEMBER 26 • 8AM-3PM
CHUCK HEINRICH PARK • \$35

Hit the bike trails with Outdoor Recreation!

There will be a variety of routes to choose from, whether you're a beginner or expert. After blazing the trails, we will stop by a local brewery! Space is limited, open to ages 21 and older.

To sign up, find out dates, time and more scan the QR Code or call 915-744-1532.







Fort Bliss MWR-BRD & Sports



COMMANDERS CUP 8K RUN

START DATE & TIME:
 » SEPTEMBER 25TH
 » RACE BEGINS 0630

OPEN TO:
 » ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL
 » NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS
 IN ACTIVE DUTY STATUS
 OR ATTACHED TO FORT BLISS

FREE REGISTRATION
 REGISTRATION CLOSES
 SEPTEMBER 21 AT 5:00 PM
 REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON

PACKET PICK-UP WILL ONLY BE ON:
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
 11:30 AM - 6:30 PM
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM

REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE

Logos: MWR, Fort Bliss Sports, Fitness and Aquatics, Old Ironsides



NORWEGIAN FOOT MARCH

HONOR THE PAST. CHALLENGE YOURSELF.

NOV 6
 8PM - 2AM | SOTO PFC

INFO: 915-744-5785

Registration is required and is non-transferrable and non-refundable. To register, visit SOTO PFC from SEP 10-OCT 10. Must pre-register to receive an event shirt.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35
 Registration is limited to the first 700 participants.

LATE REGISTRATION / PACKET PICK-UP:
 Nov 3 • 4:30-6:30pm • Soto PFC
 Nov 4 • 4:30-6:30pm • Soto PFC

UNIFORM & BAG CHECK INSPECTION
 NOV 6 • 4PM - 7:30PM

EARN YOUR BADGE. CARRY THE LEGACY.

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TURKEY TROT 5K & 1 MILER

Medals to the first 150 finishers!

14 NOVEMBER, 2026 | STOUT PFC | 8AM
 Open to the Fort Bliss and El Paso Community

All participants may use the QR code to register online or stop by Soto PFC to register in person by November 9th.
 5K Turkey Trotters \$30.00 Includes Turkey Tee, Sweatband, & Race Sticker (\$10 if you just want to run, no swag)

1 Miler CYS participants - \$5.00

Packet Pickup
 November 13 4:30-6:30pm at Stout PFC
 November 14 6:30-7:30am at Stout PFC

SPECIAL SOCCER SCRIMMAGE
 10am at Stout Field
 Fort Bliss Vipers vs Locomotives 20u
FREE

More Info:
 915-744-5785
 915-744-5793
 915-744-5798

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Fort Bliss MWR Aquatics

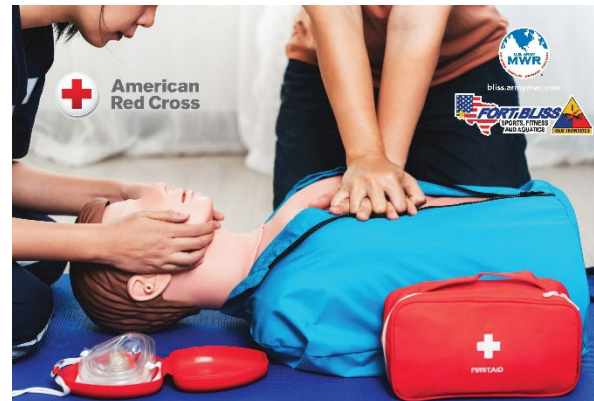


PARENT & CHILD SWIM LESSONS

Saturday mornings for 8 consecutive weeks at the Aquatics Training Center • \$60 (8 sessions)

Session Times: 9:15-9:45am • 10-10:30am • 10:45-11:15am • 11:30am-12pm
(The 4th session (11:30am-12pm) will occur if the other 3 sessions fill up)

Open to Active-Duty Family Members, DOD/DA Civilians; children ages 6 months to 3 years, and their parents. Registration is required and can be done at the Aquatics Training Center. Info: 915-741-5901

FIRST AID CPR & AED TRAINING

Earn your American Red Cross Lifeguard, CPR/First Aid/AED certification!

Train at the Aquatics Training Center. Registration is required. No prerequisites necessary. Open to the public.
 INFO: 915-741-5901

2026 DATES 8AM-2PM

MAR 14	APR 18	MAY 23	JUN 19
JUL 11	SEP 12	OCT 10	NOV 14




LEARN TO SWIM!

Open to DoD ID Cardholders ages 3-18 • \$60

Pick Your Session:

Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday
 (4 weeks, 8 sessions) • Replica or ATC

Saturdays (8 weeks) Replica Only

Info: 915-568-7431 or 915-741-5901

Registration is required in person at the facility you prefer (Replica or ATC). Registration opens at the end of each session and closes on the first day of the following month.



Meet the BOSS Team



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Single Parent Lead
SGT Anthony Rhodes
(Deployed)



Single Officer Lead

VACANT

BOSS Pillars Rebrand (LOEs)



**BETTER OPPORTUNITIES
FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS**

LINES OF EFFORT





Emergence Health Network Veterans One Stop Center

Mental Health First Aid



Learn how to support
your battle going
through a mental
health crisis

Interactive Workshop

Sign up for monthly classes closes
a week before the class.

4th Tuesday of the Month

0830 - 1500

10757 Gateway BLVD.W. Suite 350

Uniform: Business Casual or OCP

SCAN QR CODE

**Required Training as a
BOSS Rep**



BOSS



Zero DUIs. Zero Regrets.

Amnesty Hour: Safe,
Confidential. No Judgements.



WHAT IS THE IRON ZERO PROGRAM

Iron Zero provides free, safe, reliable, and confidential transportation for DOD Card holders who are unable to drive due to alcohol consumption or impairment. This mission prevents DWI/DUI (Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence) incidents, reduces accident risks, and safeguards the health, safety, and readiness of the Fort Bliss community. Iron Zero operations will be conducted on a voluntary basis, primarily during high-risk periods such as weekends, holidays, and special events.

Why Iron Zero?

FREE RIDE HOME!

On Fort Bliss, if you are caught driving while intoxicated, you will lose driving privileges on base for one year.

Get home safe without breaking the bank. This program is free and confidential. Every choice shapes tomorrow. Iron Zero gives you the power to get home safe, protect your career, and be the change. Readiness starts with YOU!



Become a
Volunteer Driver

BOSS

Fort Bliss Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) is committed to supporting your quality of life and continues to maintain and improve all Soldiers readiness.

Request a Ride:
(915) 443-6573 call or scan





How It Works:

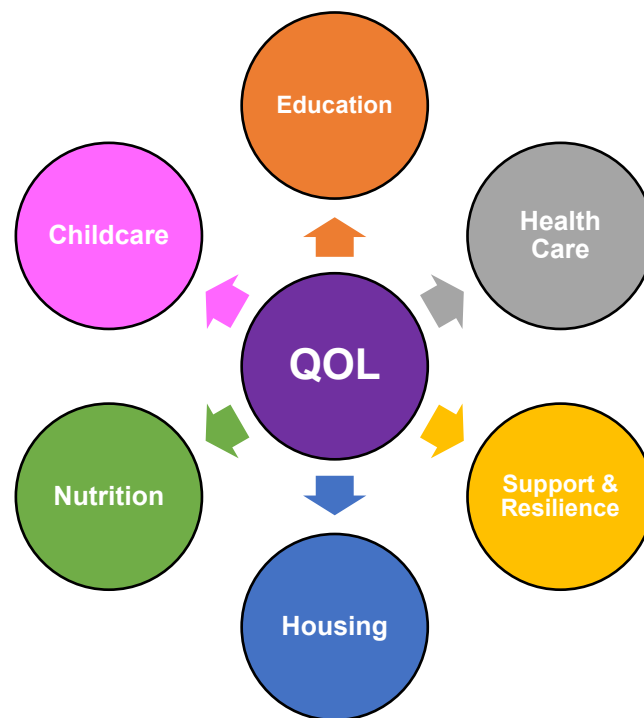
1. You Submit: Fill out the brief QoL form
2. We Advocate: BOSS leadership reviews and escalates the issue.
3. We Get Results: We track the issue until a resolution is reached.

Don't just complain, let us help you fix it!

!!! Your Voice Matters !!!

If you are facing unresolved Quality of Life issues, you don't have to deal with them alone. The BOSS program is here to take your concerns directly to leadership and fight for the changes you deserve.

What Areas does QOL Cover?



What the BOSS Council Provides to BOSS Reps

1. Crisis Intervention & Peer Support Training

- Mental Health First Aid Certification: We train representatives to recognize early warning signs of stress, isolation, or crisis among their peers.
- The Impact: Representatives become a vital, on-the-ground safety net in the barracks, equipped to connect struggling Soldiers with the right resources before issues escalate.

2. Operational Knowledge (ARMA & VMIS)

- Army Maintenance Application (ArMA) Mastery: We train reps on exactly how to submit, track, and escalate barracks maintenance work orders through the proper ArMA channels.
- Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) Expertise: We provide step-by-step guidance on how to navigate VMIS, enabling reps to help their peers log official volunteer hours for promotion points.

3. Direct Access to Senior Leadership

- Quality of Life (QOL) Escalation: When standard maintenance or barracks issues stall, we provide our representatives with direct, immediate access to Garrison and Division senior leadership to advocate for their peers.
- The Impact: Reps learn how to brief and communicate effectively with high-level command teams, bridging the gap between the junior enlisted ranks and executive leadership.

4. Career Advancement & Recognition (MOVSM)

- The Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM): Serving as an active, effective BOSS representative is a recognized job role that directly contributes to earning the MOVSM.
- The Impact: Reps gain a highly respected award for their official military record, boost their promotion points, and build a resume of real-world project management and community service.

Command Roles & Responsibilities for BOSS Success

Battalion & Brigade Commanders: Tactical & Operational Oversight

Commanders establish the climate. Your role is to formalize the BOSS structure and authorize the operational space for the program to succeed.

- Formalize the Network: Appoint Primary and Alternate BOSS Representatives at every echelon; officially submit Brigade orders to the United States Army Garrison (USAG) Fort Bliss.
- Enforce Communication Pathways: Ensure appointed BOSS Representatives are given the platform to brief the troop formation at all major formations (e.g., Friday closeouts).
- Establish BDE Battle rhythm: Mandate that Brigade BOSS Representatives host monthly coordination meetings, with mandatory attendance from all Battalion/Squadron and Company/Battery/Troop level representatives.
- Support Duty-Day Participation: Actively encourage first-line supervisors to release non-mission-essential Soldiers to participate in BOSS Life Skills training, professional development, and community service operations during the duty day.
-  Why Spouses Care: When commanders formalize this support, it ensures single Soldiers are not left out of the unit's calendar. It ensures they receive the same development, care, and resource awareness as married families.

Command Roles & Responsibilities for BOSS Success

Command Sergeants Major & First Sergeants: NCO Support & Enforcement

As the keepers of discipline, barracks standards, and Soldier care, Senior NCOs are the primary enablers and advisors of the BOSS program.

- Direct Advisorship: Serve as the active, senior advisors to your unit's BOSS program, mentoring the junior NCOs and Soldiers running the committee.
- Enforce Representation & Accountability: Monitor meeting attendance and hold subordinate units accountable for maintaining active, consistent representation.
- Educate the NCO Corps: Actively inform and educate junior officers and NCOs (PLs, PSGs, Squad Leaders) on the benefits, safety, and leadership opportunities within the BOSS program.
- Provide the Platform: Give BOSS Representatives dedicated time during company formations to brief upcoming Quality of Life, volunteer, and recreation opportunities.
- Maintain Visual Standards (BOSS Boards): Require and inspect dedicated BOSS Information Boards in all company headquarters and barracks common areas, ensuring they are updated monthly.
-  Why Spouses Care: Senior NCO enforcement ensures that vital safety, financial, and life-skills resources actually reach the youngest, most vulnerable Soldiers in the barracks rather than stopping at the unit headquarters.

Command Roles & Responsibilities for BOSS Success

Unit BOSS Representatives: Peer Leadership & Execution

BOSS Representatives are the critical link between the command team, the barracks, and the Garrison.

- Force-Multiplier Briefings: Conduct regular, enthusiastic briefings to the company/battery/troop regarding upcoming BOSS opportunities, volunteer events, and Life Skills courses.
- Information Ownership: Manage and update the unit's physical BOSS Boards, gathering feedback and gauging Soldier interest in upcoming activities to report back to the executive committee.
- Professional Development (Mandatory Training): Attend New Representative Training, conducted monthly immediately following the Executive BOSS meeting (or scheduled by appointment with the Garrison BOSS team).

Key Takeaway for Leaders & Spouses

An active BOSS representative is not "getting out of work." They are executing a commander's program that directly improves unit morale, reduces high-risk incidents, and builds a stronger, more resilient unit footprint.



FANTASHE

Football Draft

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
2PM

LOCATION TBD



STAY UPDATED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!
@FORTBLISSPWOC



proverbs 22:6

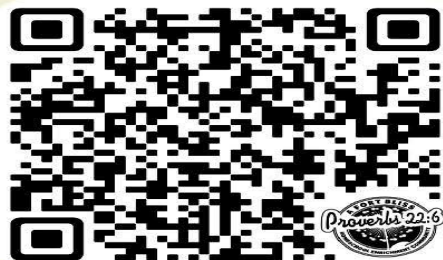
LA UNION MAZE

Field Trip

25 SEPTEMBER

WAGON RIDE / MAZE
PUMPKINS / LESSON TIME
SLIDES / PIG RACE
CONCESSIONS & GIFT SHOP

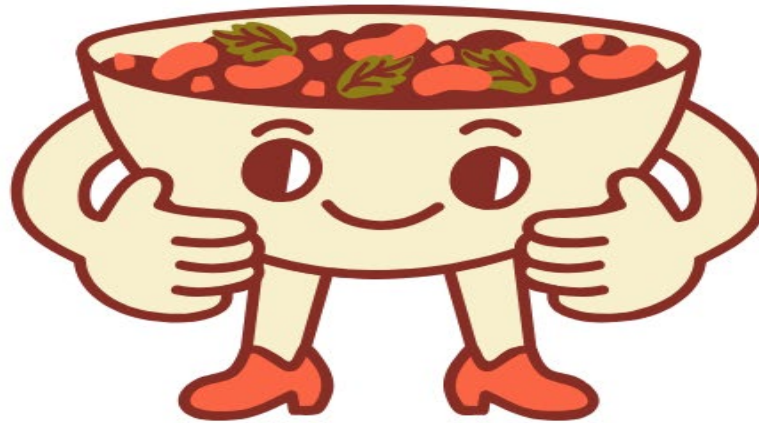
**Open to all Fort Bliss
Homeschool Families**



For more information and to
register, join Proverbs 22:6
and follow our Facebook Page.
prov22.6fbhec@gmail.com

2026

PWOC



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

FALL PROGRAM DAY!
(DURING OUR NORMAL PWOC MEETING)
SIGN-UP COMING SOON!



PROVERBS 22:6 AND WILD + FREE INVITE YOU TO THE HOMESCHOOL

GEOGRAPHY FAIR

OCTOBER 23

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

1AD CHAPEL, FT BLISS



Catholic Women of the Chapel CWOC

Fort Bliss ★ El Paso, Texas

FAITH. FRIENDSHIP. FELLOWSHIP.

Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) is a community of Catholic women who come together to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and support one another in our vocation as women, wives, and mothers.

Join Us!



MEETINGS:

Every Friday
& Every **2nd** and **4th** **Saturday**



TIME:

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM



LOCATION:

Chapel 2 Annex
1547 Sheridan Rd.
El Paso, TX 79906



CHILDREN:

Children are welcome!

Sign Up!

Scan to register for
CWOC 2026-2027



CWOC Registration 2026-2027

*We can't wait
to meet you!*

Rooted in Christ.
GROWING IN FAITH. TOGETHER.



ALL ARE WELCOME!
Come as you are. Leave uplifted.



Questions? Contact us at fortblisscwoc@gmail.com



The Gospel Service @ Fort Bliss

Family & FRIENDS DAY

Family and Friends Matter to God

"Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers
into His harvest." Matthew 9:38

Every 5th Sunday



A special gift to whoever brings the most Family
and Friends that Sunday.

Welcome to Worship



2498 Ricker Road Fort Bliss TX 79916



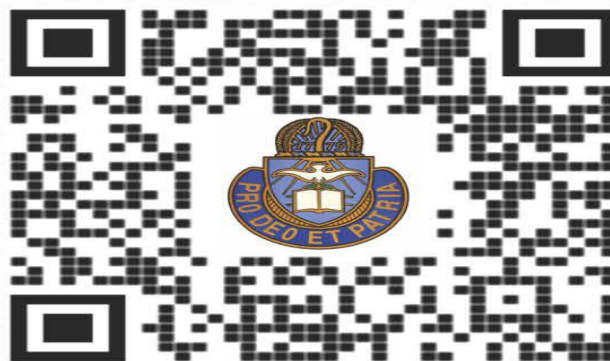


OPERATION HELPING HANDS

DONATIONS TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT TO ASSIST SOLDIERS
FOR BOTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY AND ONE TIME SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE
448 PERSHING RD. FORT BLISS TX.
(915) 568-1519



JOIN OUR MISSION

REGISTER TODAY!

Awana is a worldwide nonprofit ministry focused on providing Bible-based evangelism and discipleship solutions. As the global leader in child and youth discipleship, Awana gives children the opportunity to know, love and serve Jesus, no matter their background.

- ✓ Runs each Sunday from 4:00 - 5:30 PM
- ✓ Serves Ages - Kinder - 5th Grade
- ✓ Building: Center Chapel One Fort Bliss, 315 Pershing Rd.

Each week kids will enjoy:

- ✓ Bible Lessons
- ✓ Memory Verses
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Worship



**Starts Sunday,
Sept. 7th!**

4:00 - 5:30 PM

 rick.mendoza.civ@army.mil

 www.ftblissawana.com



915-262-6198

SIGN UP TODAY!



Join Our 2025/2026 Homeschool Year!

Fort Bliss Homeschoolers is a supportive community for military families who homeschool their children. We provide a wholesome and enriching experience through various activities and events.



Eligibility:

Homeschool at least one child ages 5 to 18
Currently residing in Fort Bliss/El Paso
All branches of Active, Reserve, Retired, or
Veteran DOD ID cardholders.

What We Offer

Monthly Field Trips
Special Events
Enrichment Co-Op

How to Join

Membership is FREE to all eligible families.

Please visit our Facebook Page;
Fort Bliss Homeschoolers to learn
more and start your registration.

Who Can Join

We welcome all military
homeschool families, from all
backgrounds, secular and religious.



Fort Bliss Homeschoolers



Fortblisshomeschoolers@gmail.com





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FORT BLISS, TX



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

Worship, Fellowship, & Bible Studies

TUESDAYS | 9-11:45 AM

1AD Chapel; 11272 Biggs St, Ft Bliss

Watchcare available FCFS for 6 weeks - 4 years
Homeschool Class available for 5 years & older



Evening Bible Study

SUNDAYS | 4-5:30 PM

RSO; BLDG 448 Pershing Rd, Ft Bliss

AWANA available for 4 years & older

Mental Health Therapy With Chaplain Confidentiality

- Trauma Support
- Marriage Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Pastoral Counseling
- Mental Health Assessments



Location: 449 Pershing Road
Fort Bliss TX 79916

To make an appointment:
Call (915) 568-2561
and leave a message.

Open: Monday-Thursday
0900-1800.

Caring for the Mental and Spiritual Health of Fort Bliss



El Paso MOAA Provides:

- Two opportunities for college financial assistance in partnership with MOAA National:
 - The 1st Armored Division- El Paso Chapter Scholarship
 - The Colonel Joseph C Rodriguez, Medal of Honor, Memorial Scholarship
- The Velton Locklear, Jr. Memorial Scholarship through the El Paso Community Foundation
- Timely email alerts on local and national matters of interest to include updates on key legislation, health affairs, etc.
- Support to Ft Bliss community and El Paso area non-profits and, schools
 - Recognition of outstanding El Paso area high school JROTC cadets and UTEP senior cadets
 - Welcome of newly commissioned UTEP ROTC cadets into the Profession of Arms via our shoulder board/"butter bar" program
 - Sponsorship of local Armed Services YMCA, Ft Bliss SKIES, Soldier Art Workshops and other events/activities
- Recognize Ft Bliss Officers via the MG Greer Iron Major Award and BG Kotter Jr Officer Award
- Quarterly member lunches featuring speakers' presentations on relevant issues
- Our quarterly, award-winning publication, [The Border Bulletin](#)

El Paso MOAA exists to:

- Promote the purposes of MOAA National to:
 - Inculcate and stimulate love of our country and the flag
 - Defend the honor, integrity and supremacy of the national government and Constitution of the United States
 - Further the education of military dependents
- Facilitate camaraderie among chapter members
- Support the legislative agendas of National MOAA and other El Paso area VSOs that provide services to and protect the interests of the veteran's community
- Aid members and members' interests in every possible way allowed by the chapter by-laws



**El Paso MOA
Needs You
and You Need
El Paso MOAA**

William Beaumont Army Medical Center

Patient Information

- **TRICARE systems will transition to the new myAuth login platform to replace the DS Logon system.** The legacy DS Logon system will remain available until **September 30, 2026**, after which it will be fully retired.
- **Do you have feedback concerning our WBAMC Summer Sports/School Physicals offering, and challenges you may have experienced?** Send an email to Peds SHSS- Ms. Tate at teandra.l.tate.civ@health.mil Your feedback will shape how we administer next summer's offering!
- **New medical civilian and military providers are inbound.** Once fully onboarded, they will be introduced virtually.
- **Kindly request you cancel and reschedule appointments:** call 915-742-2273 (option 1) or log in via the MHS Genesis Portal to Cancel with as much notice as possible. The average no show rates are 10% for Family Care and 6% for Soldier Care.
- **Refractive Eye Surgery Program (WRESP)** is an elective program designed to improve the mission readiness of AD Soldiers, who wear contacts or glasses and seek to improve their eyesight. Call **915-742-9117** to inquire about the program.
- **6th Floor Reconstruction Complete:** William Beaumont Army Medical Center has successfully finished the reconstruction of its sixth floor. The fully renovated floor is scheduled to officially open and resume operations on September 16.

William Beaumont Army Medical Center

Patient Information

- **Chaperone Policy:** Remember, you must be offered a chaperone for all sensitive exams, and you can request one for any appointment, at any time, for your comfort and peace of mind. Healthcare staff can decline to perform a non-emergent sensitive exam if the patient declines a chaperone; they will make every effort to refer the patient to a provider willing and able to perform the exam. Chaperones are trained, confidential healthcare staff (such as nurses, medics, or doctors) who serve as unbiased observers to protect your safety, privacy, and dignity. This policy reinforces your rights under the DoD Patient Bill of Rights, ensuring a healthcare environment rooted in respect and patient safety.
- **Fort Bliss Veterinary Services:** Fort Bliss Veterinary Care Services are back to full operational capability and are actively addressing delayed patient care resulting from the recent service gap. We sincerely ask for your continued patience as our dedicated staff works diligently to provide your pets with the high-quality care they deserve.
- **FIT Kit:** The Defense Health Agency will soon start again in sending out FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) Kits. The test is a type of screening that can be used to find pre-cancerous polyps and early cancers. It is a self-administered test that can detect small amounts of blood in your stool. If you receive one in the mail, please following the instructions and mail it back. To learn more, scan the QR code!



FREE!
CHILDCARE

While You Attend Your Appointment!



C H I L D R E N S

Waiting Room/ASYMCA

William Beaumont Army Medical Center

Email: cwrelpaso@asymca.org

This program is primarily for
Active-Duty families.

By Appointment Only!

Call: 915-742-0975

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 12:00 pm



18511 Highlander Medics St.
East Clinic, 1st Floor - E1206
Fort Bliss, Texas 79918



FREE!
CHILDCARE

While You Attend Your Appointment!



C H I L D R E N S

Waiting Room/ASYMCA

Hugo V. Mendoza Soldier Family Care Clinic

Email: cwrelpaso@asymca.org

This program is primarily for
Active-Duty families.

By Appointment Only!

Call: 915-742-9926

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm



Mendoza Clinic
11355 SSG, Sims St.
Fort Bliss, TX 79918
Room A160
915-742-9926



School Liaison Office

Bldg. 505 Pershing Rd.
Located inside the Solider Support Center



Who Are We and What Do We Do?

- We build partnerships with local schools and facilitate communication between the school, command, and parents; while also, providing factual and accurate information on education matters affecting our military families to command, schools, and parents.
- We assist with transitions associated with military life and facilitate communication among schools, parents and installation leaders; while providing alternatives and solutions to challenges associated with K-12 education and military lifestyles.
- Primary resource for parents with school –age youth
- Facilitates Partners in Education (PIE) initiatives such as, Adopt-A-School.
- Assist the homeschool community through communicating local and state homeschool policies, coordinate auxiliary services to increase enrichment lessons, and support the overall homeschool group.



**School is back in session!
Please be aware of all
school zones and speed
limits.**

It is that time of year again to complete your Federal Impact Aid Survey; please ensure that you complete your document accurately and submit back to your child's campus by the deadline.



Main Store All events start at 1300

- **September 18- *U.S. Air Force Birthday*** - Join us as we celebrate the proud history of the U.S. Air Force
- **September 26- *P&G/AAFES Back to school event***- free kid's haircuts and styling
- **October 03- *National Golf Lovers Event***

Freedom Crossing

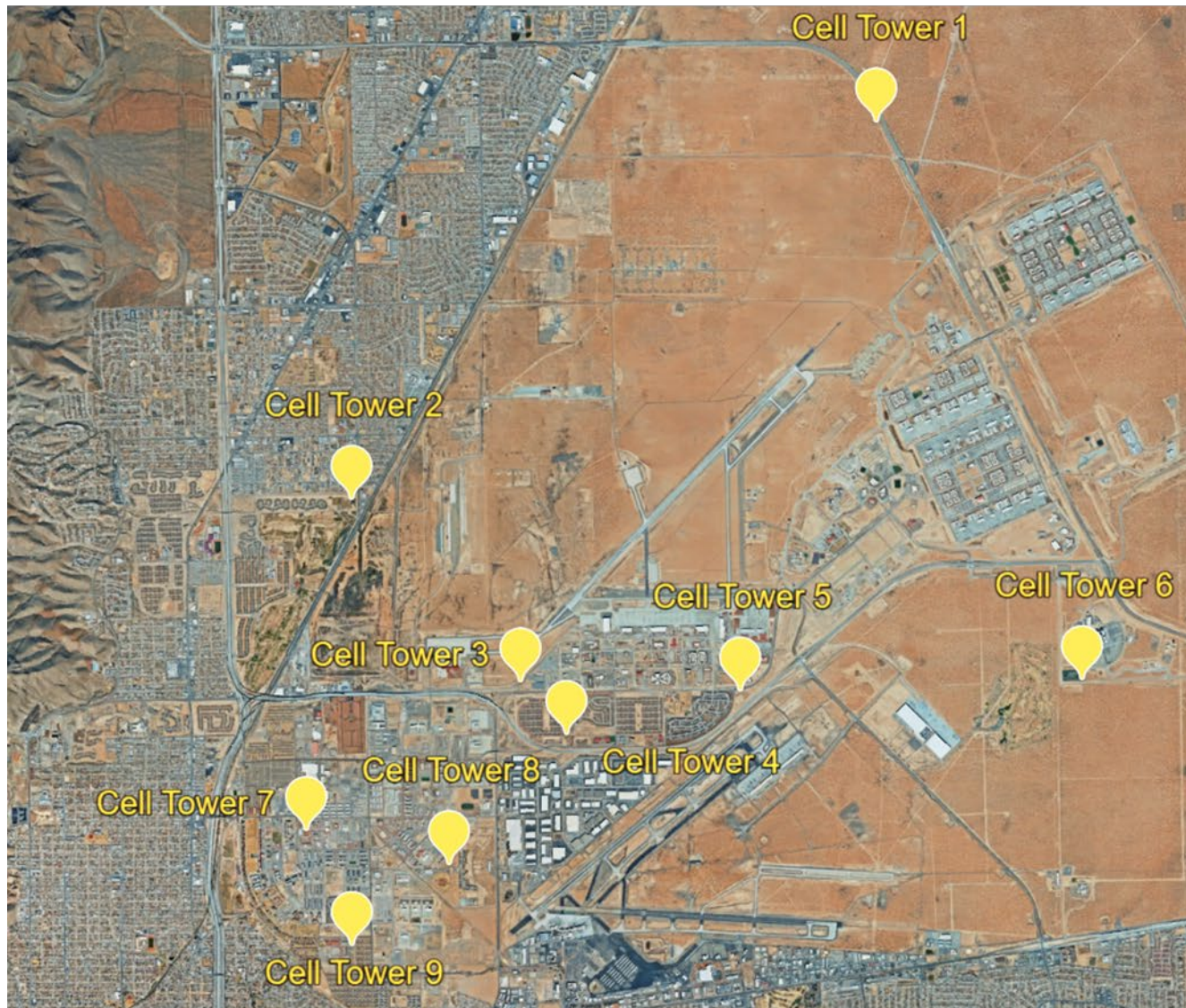
- **September 17- *Constitution Day Event***- Festivities start at 1630 and music will start at 1830. There will be food trucks, bouncy houses, craft tents and more!

The Exchange

- **Firehouse Subs**
 - Will be replacing the Subway in the mini mall on the corner of Sergeant Major BLVD & Old Ironside Ave
 - Tentatively looking to open second week of October 2026
 - Will deploy additional food trucks to Global Reach Express
- **Cell Towers**
 - 9 towers have been constructed on Ft Bliss
 - All towers are now on air
 - See attached map for location and carriers
- **Maximus Nutrition**
 - Juice bar now open
 - Grand Opening-TBD
- **Panda Express – Global Reach**
 - Currently under construction
 - Tentatively looking to open Dec 2026

The Exchange

Ft Bliss Cell Tower Project



- All cell towers across Fort Bliss are now fully operational
- Verizon equipment is active on every tower
- AT&T is installed on Tower 8 (near the Bowling Alley)
- All carriers were offered the opportunity to place equipment on every tower
- If a carrier is not present on a tower, it is because they determined their existing coverage for Fort Bliss is sufficient

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2026 SEP. 17TH
EVENT : 4PM
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ARMED SERVICES YMCA Summary



JACK DANIEL'S OPERATION RIDE HOME

Helping junior enlisted military families get home for the holidays

Military life demands daily sacrifices that most people cannot imagine. Reconnecting military families with their loved ones during the holidays is how Jack Daniel's and Armed Services YMCA partner to support junior enlisted military families carrying the quiet weight of service.

Operation Ride Home is open to Active Duty and Reserve service members and military families, E-1 to E-5, from all six service branches who might not otherwise have the full financial means to travel home for the holidays.

JACK DANIEL'S
**OPERATION
RIDE HOME**

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Armed Services YMCA El Paso
APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPT. 07 - OCT. 02

See complete eligibility requirements and apply at:
RIDEHOME.ASYMCA.ORG



POC:
Taylor Warren
twarren@asymca.org
915-263-7164 ext. 105

- **ASYMCA Leave Form must be signed by 1SGT or higher**
- All travel must take place between 1 Nov 2026 to 31 Jan 2027

ARMED SERVICES YMCA Summary



CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM

FREE HOURLY CHILD CARE

for military families with medical appointments

William Beaumont Army Medical Center

18511 Highlander Medics St.
East Clinic, 1st Floor
Room E1206
Fort Bliss, TX 79918
915-742-0975

Spc. Hugo V. Mendoza Soldier Family Care Center

11355 SSG Sims St.
Room A160
Fort Bliss, TX 79918
915-742-9926

CALL NOW TO RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT!



Scan for current
operating hours
and more
information!



ARMED SERVICES YMCA EL PASO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Armed Services YMCA El Paso offers state-
licensed, low-cost, high-quality child care at our
Texas Rising 4 Star & NAEYC accredited
Child Development Center

SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION



Monday - Friday 5:30AM - 6:00PM
Full day or half day | Before or after-school
Ages 6 weeks - 13 years old
Meals and snack provided



ARMED SERVICES YMCA EL PASO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

7061 COMINGTON ST., EL PASO, TX 79930

915-263-7164 EXT.101

Strengthening Our Military Family®

Armed Services YMCA El Paso



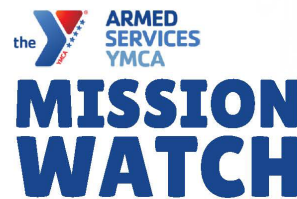
VOLUNTEER

Hold cell phone camera over QR
Code to view Volunteer
Application.



Community Events | No Cost Food Pantry | Holiday Joy | Junior Enlisted Family
Center | Child Development Center

ARMED SERVICES YMCA Summary



**FREE HOURLY CHILD CARE SUPPORT
FOR JOB-SEEKING MILITARY SPOUSES**

Looking for a job and need dependable child care
while you search? Mission Watch is here to help.



Mission Watch provides FREE hourly child care for
children ages 6 weeks to 12 years, designed to
support military families. Priority is given to Spouses
participating in employment and career readiness
activities, with additional care available as space
allows for medical appointments, personal care, and
other family needs.

- Job searching & Job fairs
- Resume writing classes
- Interview preparation
- Shopping for interview attire
- Employment-related appointments



PROGRAM DETAILS

Flexible care options with a
minimum of 2 hours

Additional hours may be
available based on needs

Care must be scheduled in
advance

Registration and orientation
are required before care can
begin



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Military families with children
ages 6 weeks to 12 years.
Priority is given to parents
participating in employment
and career readiness
activities, with additional
drop-in care available as
space allows.



HOW TO GET STARTED

Contact the Armed Services
YMCA El Paso CDC for
registration information and
scheduling details. Space is
limited, so early registration
is encouraged.

PREPARE FOR YOUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY

while we help care for your little one



TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER,
CALL THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT (915) 263-7164
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Destination El Paso

Check out our events calendar!



LOOKING FOR
Things TO DO
IN *El Paso?*



Destination El Paso

Upcoming Military Spouse Tour



MILITARY SPOUSE

HARD HAT TOUR



**MAGOFFIN HOME STATE HISTORIC SITE
WITH ADOBE BRICK-MAKING DEMO**

FRI • SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 • 10:00AM

**MAGOFFIN HOME AT
1120 MAGOFFIN AVE**

FOR QUESTIONS AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT

dbandas@destinationelpaso.com

Destination El Paso

Upcoming Military Spouse Tour



MILITARY SPOUSE
DOWNTOWN

Walking Tour

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30AM

Downtown Visitor Center · 1 Civic Center Plaza



Questions? Contact : dbandas@destinationelpaso.com



Destination El Paso

Upcoming Event



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SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2026

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GENERAL ADMISSION \$30

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Upcoming Event



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ALICIA VILLARREAL:
BENDITA LOCURA TOUR
PLAZA THEATRE

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THE MARS VOLTA
ABRAHAM CHAVEZ THEATRE

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EL PASO CALL TO SHIFT:
GET KINGDOM ALIGNED
PLAZA THEATRE

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VIVAMOS MÉXICO!
OFFICIAL GRITO CELEBRATION
CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA

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SEVENDUST &
THEORY OF A DEADMAN
ABRAHAM CHAVEZ THEATRE

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EPSO:
MÁGICO – THE MAGIC OF MEXICO
PLAZA THEATRE

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DANTE GEBEL:
WORLD TOUR DESPEDIDA 2026
PLAZA THEATRE

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WAY OUT WEST!
EL PASO CONVENTION CENTER

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BOZ SCAGGS RHYTHM REVIEW 2026
ABRAHAM CHAVEZ THEATRE

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS!



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

PLAZA THEATRE, 7:00PM

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