





# Purpose

**To publicize information on community services and programs provided by a broad range of installation support agencies. Increase awareness on upcoming and key installation events and initiatives to support Readiness of Soldiers, Families and Installation. Achieve the Senior Commander's intent with regards to strategic communications and information flow.**

**\*A well informed community supports Soldier Readiness!**





# Agency Updates





# ACS





# Army Community Service

## 2021 Fort Bliss Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

### FORT BLISS 2021 CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

NOW – 15 January 2022

**Current Status:**

**\$ 11,577.08 as of 28 October 2021**

**FORT BLISS GOAL: \$100,000**

Online donation through:

<https://desertsouthwestcfc.givecfc.org/>



### TOP TEN UNITS/DIRECTORATES

1.	WBAMC (CIV):	\$5694
2.	USAG (CIV):	\$1800
3.	WBAMC (AD):	\$1120
4.	C BAT, 4-27FA:	\$963
5.	AF ELM (CIV):	\$800
6.	USASMA (CIV):	\$320
7.	5-52 ADA:	\$300
8.	JMC:	\$300
9.	USASMA (AD):	\$240
10.	2-43 ADA:	\$10





# Army Community Service

## 2021 Trees for Troops Distribution

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

### Distribution

Monday, 6 December 2021  
BIGGS PARK

See below for distribution information

0900 - While trees are Available  
(Priority)  
Hearts Apart Families  
Wounded Warriors  
SOS FAMILIES  
E-5 and Below

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

0900 - 1200  
E5 & Below  
WTB Soldiers

1300 -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

Fort Bliss, TX  
MWR  
ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE  
ACS  
Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

**Purpose:** To spread holiday cheer to Soldiers and Families among the Fort Bliss community.

**Who:** To all Military ID card holders

**What:** Annual Christmas tree distribution event hosted by ACS and MWR in support of Trees for Troops, Christmas SPIRIT Foundation and tree farmers across the country.

**When:** Monday, 06 December 2021

(date subject to change due to delivery of trees)

**Time:** 0900-1300 (until gone)

**Where:** Biggs Park, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916





# Army Community Service

## Army Family Team Building Birthday

Join us for games, prizes and cake!

**Celebrate**

AFTB's 27th Birthday at the Freedom Crossing Food Court  
Friday, December 16 • 11am-1pm  
Info: 915-569-5500 - Open to DoD ID Cardholders

AFTB empowers you through self-development and leadership skills, basic Army knowledge and specialized training to maximize your personal & professional potential. Come learn about all the great classes we have to offer!

bliss.armymwr.com

**16 December**

**Freedom Crossing**

**1100-1300**

**Come celebrate the  
AFTB Birthday with  
us.**

***Learn about AFTB's  
Personal  
Development, Military  
Knowledge and  
Leadership  
Development courses***





# SLO







# School Liaison Office (SLO)



El Paso Independent School District (EPISD)  
Socorro ISD  
Ysleta ISD  
Canutillo ISD

**ALL CLOSED**  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>



EPISD

20 Dec – 3 Jan 22

SISD  
YISD  
Canutillo ISD

**ALL CLOSED**  
20 Dec – 4 Jan 22





# MWR





# Family and MWR

## Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Comments
20 NOV	0830	<a href="#">Turkey Shoot Out 4-Person Scramble</a>	Underwood Golf	\$60
26 NOV	TBD	Cranksgiving-Spin Bike Event	Soto PFC	TBD
3 DEC	1700	<a href="#">Holiday Fest-Visit with Santa</a>	Biggs Park	Free
4 DEC	0900	<a href="#">Claus and Paws-5k with your dog(s)</a>	Freedom Crossing	\$15
11 DEC	TBD	<a href="#">Zumba Under the Stars</a>	Logan PFC	\$10
11 DEC	0800	<a href="#">Holiday Balloon Sale</a>	Underwood Golf	Varies
11 DEC	1000	<a href="#">Holiday Brunch</a>	Centennial	\$21.95
19 DEC	0830	<a href="#">Christmas Ham Shoot Out</a>	Underwood Golf	TBD

All events are subject to COVID protocol requirements.

[www.bliss.armymwr.com](http://www.bliss.armymwr.com)





# Community Events

## El Paso

Date	Time	Event	Location	Comment
Saturdays	0900	Arts and Farmers Market	Downtown	Free
20 NOV-22 JAN	TBD	Winterfest	Arts Festival Plaza	Varies
21 NOV	0730	Old Tin Mine Guided Hike	Chuck Heinrich Park	\$5
21 NOV	0800	Flying Horse Half-Marathon	Anthony, Texas	\$45/up
26 NOV	0800	Turkey-Trot Hike to Aztec Cave	Tom Mays Park	
3-4 DEC	1930	El Paso Symphony Orchestra- Home for the Holidays	Plaza Theater	\$16/up
8 DEC	1900	Daughtry-Dearly Beloved Tour	Abraham Chavez Theater	\$30/up
9 DEC	2000	A Drag Queen Christmas	Plaza Theater	\$50/up
11 DEC	2000	ZZ Top	Abraham Chavez Theater	\$47/up
11-12 DEC	1900	STOMP	Plaza Theater	\$32.50/up
19 DEC	1900	Merry-Achi Christmas	Plaza Theater	\$29.50/up

[www.visitelpaso.com](http://www.visitelpaso.com)





# Upcoming MWR Events

**Wild West WONDERLAND**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 5-9PM  
BIGGS PARK • INFO: 915-588-8247

*Free* Holiday Fun!

Enjoy TRAIN RIDES, HOT COCOA, HOLIDAY COOKIES, ARTS & CRAFTS, FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA & MORE!

MWR HOLIDAY FEST 2021

# CLAUS & PAWS

## 5K RUN/WALK

**DEC. 4 9-11:30 AM**  
FREEDOM CROSSING  
1611 Haan Rd.

Pre-registration available at Soto Gym: \$15 per person includes T-shirt and goody bag. December 1 & at raceroster.com through December 4.  
On-site registration: Dec 4, 7:30-8:30am at Freedom Crossing with an additional \$5 fee incurred (shirt not guaranteed).

Kids 16-17 yrs. must have a waiver signed by a parent.  
Kids 10-15 yrs. can participate with a parent present at event and signed waiver by parent.  
Kids 9 yrs. and younger may participate with a participating parent.

Awards for:  
-Best dressed Adult 18+ male and female.  
-Best dressed kid 17 yrs and younger male and female  
-Best dressed dog  
\*\*Ugly sweaters are approved\*\*

Get your family pictures with Santa!

Info: 915-744-5785

\*Sponsorship does not imply Army endorsement

Events are subject to COVID protocol requirements.





# RSO



# Fort Bliss Community Christmas Tree Lighting

**Thursday, 02, 1700 DEC 21**

**Purpose:** Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season and promote a spirit of community

**Proponent:** Religious Service Office

**Who:** Fort Bliss Community

**When:** Thursday, 02 1700 DEC 21

**Where:** Center Chapel 1

**What:** Tree lighting, music, Santa photos, treats

"Come join us as the Fort Bliss community celebrates the beginning of the holiday season!"



POC: Chaplain (LTC) Regino Hernandez, Plan & Mobilization / Community Chaplain, 915-744-8674, [regino.r.Hernandez.mil@mail.mil](mailto:regino.r.Hernandez.mil@mail.mil)





# DPW

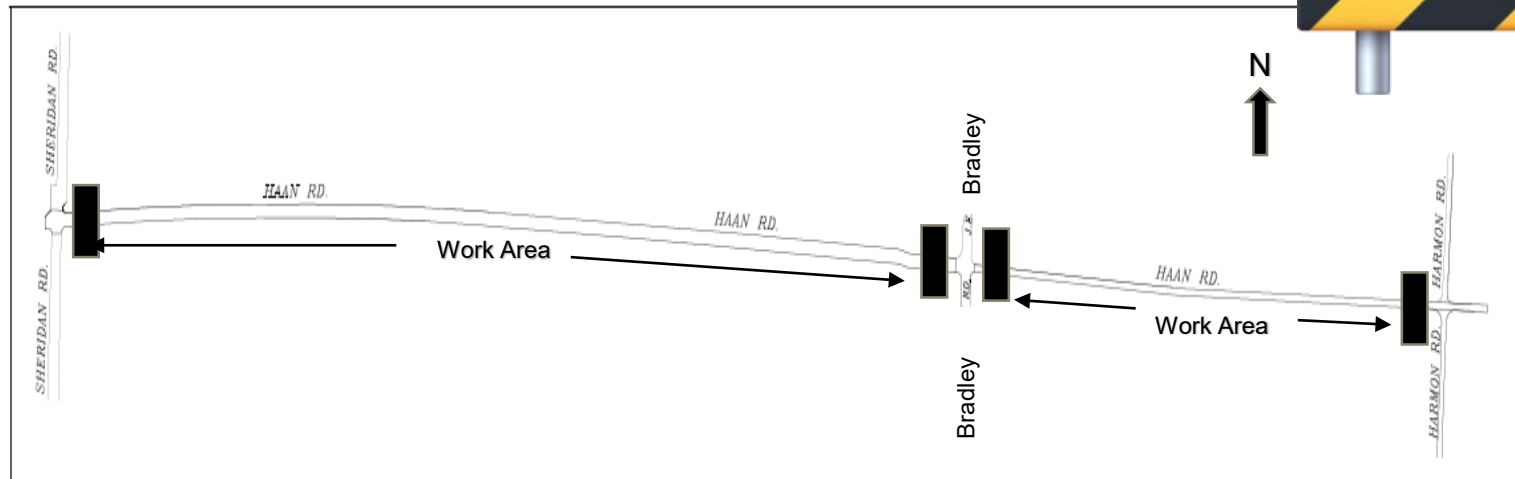






# Repair Haan Rd from Sheridan to Overpass

- Tentative Dates: 11/17/21 to 2/16/22
- Eastbound and Westbound traffic on Haan Rd will remain open with alternating lane closures
- Avoid work area if possible
- POC: Sergio Lucero 915-568-5873

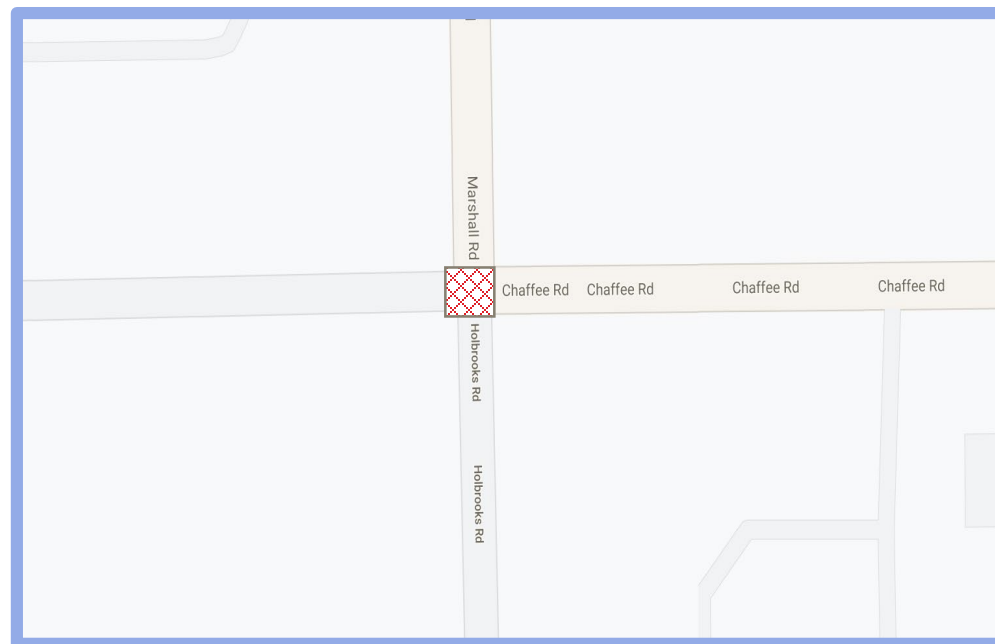




# Road Repair Holbrooks to Chaffee

- New pavement and stripping will be conducted at Holbrooks and Chaffee Road
- Alternating lane closures. Avoid area if possible
- Dates: 12-13-2021 to 01-07-2022
- POC: Mr. Leonardo Licon 915-568-2759

Work Area- 





# Tax Center





# Fort Bliss Tax Center

The Fort Bliss Tax Center has permanently closed.

## Alternative Tax Preparation Sources:

- ✓ **All Soldiers are strongly encouraged to use Military OneSource to prepare their taxes.** Military OneSource is a confidential Department of Defense funded program that is both a call center and a website providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Component members, their families and survivors. For more information, visit [WWW.MILITARYONESOURCE.MIL/MILTAX-FREE-TAX-SERVICES](http://WWW.MILITARYONESOURCE.MIL/MILTAX-FREE-TAX-SERVICES).
- ✓ Individuals who are not eligible to use Military OneSource to prepare their taxes may use the free filing services provided by the IRS. Please keep in mind that these free filing services have certain income thresholds. For more information, visit [HTTPS://WWW.IRS.GOV/FILING/FREE-FILE-DO-YOUR-FEDERAL-TAXES-FOR-FREE](https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free).
- ✓ TaxSlayer has a military offer that allows active-duty military to e-file a federal return for free. Please note that State returns have an additional cost. For more information, visit <https://www.taxslayer.com/products/taxslayer-military?rdr=/products/discount-military-tax-filing>.
- ✓ Qualified individuals can also get in-person support at a Volunteer Income Tax Support Assistance, or VITA, office location. For more information about VITA locations in the El Paso area, visit <https://www.freetaxeselpaso.org/>.
- ✓ Those who do not qualify for free filing will have to purchase a commercial tax preparation software or hire a commercial preparer to file their taxes.

**NOTE: Although the Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office will no longer provide tax preparation and filing services, it will continue to provide advice and assistance on certain tax issues, such as reviewing letters from the IRS or state tax authorities, as part of legal assistance.** For those types of issues, please contact the Legal Assistance Office by sending an email to [usarmy.bliss.hqda-otjag.mesg.bliss-legal-assistance-office@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.bliss.hqda-otjag.mesg.bliss-legal-assistance-office@mail.mil) to make an appointment.





# ASBP





# Armed Services Blood Program



Weekly Quota	Quota Weeks	Weekly Quota Compliance
<b>19 LTOWB</b> <b>21 O +</b> <b>6 O -</b>	Oct 29 – Nov 4 (TDY To Fort Huachuca)	(Est) 100%
	Nov 5 – Nov 11	(Est) 100%
	Nov 12 – Nov 18 (TDY to Fort Carson)	(Est) 100%
	Nov 19 – Nov 25	(Est) 20%
	Nov 26 – Dec 2	(Est) 50%

➤ The quota compliance percentages are based off the blood drives scheduled for those weeks.

- October collection: 135 units collected (lowest month of collections all year)
- Unit(s) tasked for the month of October per OPORD
  - 528<sup>th</sup> HC (Not scheduled)
- Unit(s) tasked for November per OPORD
  - 2/1 AD (scheduled), JTF-N (scheduled)
  - JMC (Not scheduled)
- Unit(s) tasked for December per OPORD
  - 1AD SUS (scheduled), 86<sup>th</sup> ESB (not scheduled)


**ASBP**  
Armed Services Blood Program





# Armed Services Blood Program

## Scheduled Blood Drives for November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Fort Huachuca (TDY)	3 Fort Huachuca (TDY)	4	5	6
7	8 2 BDE	9 2 BDE	10 2 BDE	11	12 2 BDE	13
14	15	16 Fort Carson (TDY)	17 Fort Carson (TDY)	18 Fort Carson (TDY)	19	20
21	22 Reception BN	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29 JTF-N	30 1AD Sustainment				




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# Armed Services Blood Program

## Scheduled Blood Drives for December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 AD SB	2 1 AD SB	3 1 AD SB	4
5	6	7 WSMR	8	9 Cannon AFB (TDY)	10	11
12	13 WBAMC	14 WBAMC	15 WBAMC	16 WBAMC	17 WBAMC	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31	







# Armed Services Blood Program

- **Reminders:**
- Fort Bliss Blood Donor Center is in **DIRE NEED** of O positive & O negative blood types
- The holiday season is a historically low collection time for our organization
  - Fort Bliss Blood donor center is desperate for **Command Support** for blood drives
  - **PLEASE** host a blood drive during block leave (Dec 20-22 & 27-29)
  - We need at least 20 donor each of those days to make mission over the holiday season
    - We still need to support those troops who are conducting combat operations
    - Troops who are away from their families during the holidays still need our support
- Afghanistan and Korea (N. of Seoul) are now 3 month deferral instead of 12 months
- ASBP is still in need of Convalescent Plasma Donors (with confirmed positive test result)
- Please contact Mr. Deylon Douglass @ 915-892-9245 or [Deylon.a.Douglass.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Deylon.a.Douglass.civ@mail.mil)





# Freedom Crossing





# Freedom Crossing

## *Upcoming Events*

- ✓ Our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 26 in our outdoor Promenade Area from 4 PM- 8 PM.
- ✓ Holiday of Heroes is set for Saturday, December 4 from 2 PM- 6 PM in our outdoor Promenade Area.
- ✓ All events will follow COVID-19 mitigations.





# Freedom Crossing

## Chili's: Current Promotions

- ✓ Take advantage of the following specials at Chili's this holiday season.
- ✓ Don't forget, they now offer a military discount!



Chili's @ Fort Bliss  
Freedom Crossing  
Weekly Specials

### Monday Night Football

A selection of half-priced appetizers



Awesome Blossom Petals

Fried Pickles

Texas Cheese Fries

### Tuesdays-20% off All Entrees- after 5 PM



Big Mouth Burgers®

Fajitas

### Wednesdays - Grab Bag Coupon Night!

Every table WINS! Discounts,  
Be Our Guest Certificates  
and Free Entrees!!!



New Burgers— Coming to Ft. Bliss on October 19!

## New BURGERS FROM THE EXPERTS

<p><i>New</i>  <b>BIG BACON BBQ BURGER*</b> (1720 cal)                  Two 1/2 lb beef patties topped with six slices of bacon, house BBQ, cheddar cheese, pickles &amp; red onion. 15.99</p> <p>MADE WITH FULL POUND OF BEEF</p>	<p><i>New</i>  <b>BACON RANCHER BURGER*</b> (1780 cal)                  Two 1/2 lb beef patties topped with six slices of bacon, house-made ranch, American cheese, sauteed onions &amp; pickles. 15.99</p> <p>MADE WITH FULL POUND OF BEEF</p>	<p><i>New</i>  <b>BBQ BRISKET BURGER*</b> (1580 cal)                  A 1/2 lb patty piled high with shredded brisket and topped with house BBQ, cheddar cheese, pickles &amp; coleslaw. 13.19</p>
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# Freedom Crossing

## US Cryotherapy: Red Light Therapy

- ✓ US Cryotherapy is now offering Red Light Therapy as part of its services.
- ✓ Schedule an appointment at (915) 313-4055 today.


**USCryotherapy**  
 FASTER RECOVERY • BETTER HEALTH  
 PROUDLY PRESENTS  
**RED LIGHT THERAPY**  
 ENJOY THE BENEFITS...

- PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT
- IMPROVED EXERCISE RECOVERY
- COGNITIVE IMPROVEMENTS
- INCREASED ENERGY
- IMPROVED SLEEP QUALITY
- DECREASED INFLAMMATION
- REDUCED PAIN
- FASTER HEALING
- ENHANCED FAT LOSS
- ANTI-AGING
- INCREASED COLLAGEN PRODUCTION


**ONLY 10 MINUTES/SESSION** *Share the Light*   
 **TAG US: @uscryofortbliss**

**\$30 DROP  
 IN RATE  
 FOR ALL  
 VETERANS  
 AND ACTIVE  
 MILITARY!**  
 IN-CENTER ONLY!











  
 FASTER RECOVERY • BETTER HEALTH



# November-January

 Senior Leader attendance  
MWR Event



	01-05	06-12	13-19	20-26	27-31
November			**Senior Leader Update Slide Distro 16 Nov**   November Retirement Ceremony 17 Nov, 0900, Soldier Hall, Bldg 2	 Thanksgiving Day Holiday Nov 25-Nov 28   Freedom Crossing Tree Lighting, 26 Nov, 1600-1800, in front of the Grand Theater	
December	 Tree Lighting, 2 Dec, 1700, Chapel One   Holiday Fest, 3 Dec, 1700-2100, Biggs Park   Claus & Paws 5K, 4 Dec, 0900, Freedom Crossing   Holiday of Heroes, 4 Dec, 1400-1800, Freedom Crossing		**Senior Leader Update Slide Distro 17 Dec**	Christmas Holiday Dec 23-Dec 26	
January				 Lucha Libre, 21 Jan, 1800, Soto Gym   January Retirement Ceremony 26 Jan, 0900, 1AD Museum	 Half Marathon and 5K, 29 Jan, 0800, Soto Gym





# SLU POCs

- **RSQ:CH** LTC Simon Chang,  
915-568-5106
- **Freedom Crossing:** Giovanni Silva  
915-564-5311
- **DES:** Mr. Ronnie Ransbottom,  
915-744-9143
- **FMWR-FB events:** Michele Wiernicki,  
915-568-2554
- **DECA:** Vickie Mills  
915-568-9897
- **AAFES:** Mr. Michael Brennan,  
915-562-8851 ext. 107
- **WBAMC:** CPT Joshua Goldberg,  
915-742-5004
- **DENTAC:** COL Jay Owens,  
915-742-6001
- **FMWR-ACS:** Ms. Nancy Thomas-Mainor,  
915-569-7758
- **FBSA:** Dania Bandas,  
president@thefbsa.org
- **BOSS:** SGT Cherryholmes,  
915-892-5195
- **USO:** Ms. Yolanda Castillo,  
915-744-3480
- **Volunteer Office:** Ms. Tephanie Hopper,  
915-569-7733
- **MWR-SLO:** Simone Wendlant-  
Hendricks, 915-568-2784
- **DPW Housing:** Ms. Yolanda Brown,  
915-568-5309
- **BBC:** Ms. Jessica Holston,  
915-496-2401
- **ASYMCA:** Mr. George Elsaesser,  
915-263-7164
- **DHR- ACES:** Debbie Fetzer  
915-568-6682
- **DHR- SFL/TAP:** Mr. Douglas Piltz,  
915-568-7165
- **DHR-ASAP:** Mr. Robert Guile,  
915-744-5148

