

Community Information Exchange



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Community Information Exchange

Purpose:

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

Timing & Details:

Frequency: Monthly, except DEC & JUL

Time: 1 hour, 1200-1300, 3rd WED

Location: Centennial Conf Center

Medium: Facebook & In-Person

Attendees:

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

Agenda:

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

Inputs:

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

Primary POC:

USAG: Mr. Bill Ketcherside (DFMWR)

Outputs:

- · Information for unit SFRGs
- · Community Awareness & Advertising





Opening Comments



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Upcoming Events

Next 30 Days:

- 17 AUG: Parent & Me Hand Build Pottery (DFMWR)
- 18 AUG: BOSS: Tour the Bliss (DFMWR)
- 18 AUG: Famous Artist Crafternoon (DFMWR)
- 19 AUG: High Ropes (DFMWR)
- 19 AUG: Let Freedom Ring Concert w/Eric Paslay
- 21 AUG: Flag Football Officials Clinics (DFMWR)
- 21 AUG: Learn English/Spanish (DFMWR)
- 22 AUG: Commander's Cup Outdoor Soccer (DFMWR)
- 24 AUG: Cactus Bowl Making (DFMWR)
- 24 AUG: Hiring Fair (DFMWR)
- 24 AUG: Quarterly Volunteer Ceremony (DFMWR)
- 25 AUG: The Funny behind the Force (DFMWR)
- 26 AUG: Move it, Shake it, Lift it (DFMWR)
- 26 AUG: Laser Tag (DFMWR)
- 28 AUG: Commander's Cup Flag Football
- 1 SEP: Intro to Climbing
- 2-3 SEP: Kids Day on the Wall (DFMWR)
- 8 SEP: Volksmarch (DFMWR)
- 9 SEP: Doggy Swim Day (DFMWR)
- 9 SEP: Outdoor Recreation: Wine Tour (DFMWR)
- 11 SEP: 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb (DFMWR)
- 12 SEP: Commander's Cup Swim Meet (DFMWR)
- 15 SEP: BOSS: Tour the Bliss (DFMWR)
- 16 SEP: Aqua Zumba meets Aqua Strength (DFMWR)
- 16 SEP: Outdoor Recreation Equipment Sale (DFMWR

Next 60 Days:

- 17 SEP: Gold Star Mother & Families Day (DFMWR)
- 22-24 SEP: Oktoberfest (DFMWR)
- 28 SEP: SFRG & CFRR Meet and Greet (DFMWR)
- 30 SEP: Mountain Bike & Brewery Tour (DFMWR)

Next 90 Days:

- 14 OCT: Harvest Fest (DFMWR)
- 14 OCT: Creep Fest (DFMWR)
- 20-21 OCT: Monster Bash (DFMWR)
- 28 OCT: R&G Zombie Shoot (DFMWR)
- 28 OCT: MYC: Harvest Fest (DFMWR)
- 24-30 NOV: Photos with Santa (DFMWR)
- 1 DEC: Holiday Festival (DFMWR)

August and September Ongoing Classes and Events:

Stress Management Seminar (ACS): AUG 22, 24 & September 6. 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 29

Thrive (RSO): Every Wednesday, see back up slides for more details

Tour De Bliss: Every 3rd Friday of every month 0900-1500

Click here for a list of Upcoming Events







Community Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Comments
Thursdays	1800	Cool Canyon Nights-Free Concerts	McKelligon Canyon	Free
Fridays	1900	Alfresco Fridays	Convention Center	Free
17 & 24 Aug 23	1830 & 2045	Candlelight Concerts in El Paso	Various Locations	\$35 and up
20 AUG 23	1400	Tacos y Mas Festival	Club 11:11	\$20 and up
26 AUG 23	2000	Haunted Brothel Tour	Wigwam Museum	\$10
07 SEP 23	1930	Spiderman/Into the Spiderverse	Plaza Theater	\$35 and up
09 SEP 23	2000	Caifanes Tour 2023	Plaza Theater	\$69 and up
23 SEP 23	2000	Ana Barbara Banditos Tour 2023	Abraham Chavez	\$49 and up
24 SEP 23	1930	Kansas-Fork in the Road Tour	Plaza Theater	\$40 and up





Directorate Family Morale Welfare and Recreation

Army Community Service

- 24 August: Fort Bliss ACS Hiring Fair
- 24 August: 1st AD & Fort Bliss Quarterly Volunteer Ceremony

MWR Special Events

- 25 August: The Funny behind the Force @ Freedom Crossing
- 09 September: Doggy Swim Day @ Community Pool
- 22-24 September: Oktoberfest @ Biggs Park

Child & Youth Services (CYS)

23 September: Oktoberfest Child Care @ Milam CDC

CYS Youth Sports

July '23 – August '24: Youth Sports Calendar

Bliss NOW magazine (armymwr.com)





Directorate Family Morale Welfare and Recreation

Business Operations

- 09 September: Learn to Shoot: Pistol @ Rod and Gun Club
- 10 September: Learn to Shoot: Rifle @ Rod and Gun Club

Community Recreation

- 17 & 18 August: Parent & Me Hand Build Pottery @ Art & Hobby Shop
- 18 August: Famous Artist Crafternoon @ Mickelsen Library
- 24 August: Cactus Candle Bowls @ Art & Hobby Shop
- 08 September: Volksmarch @ Pershing Pub
- 09 September: Outdoor Recreation: Wine Tour
- 11 September: 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb @ Soto PFC

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Directorate Family Morale Welfare and Recreation











William Beaumont Army Medical Center

Patient Information

Clinical

- MHS GENESIS/ Video Connect
- Labor Day hours

Happenings

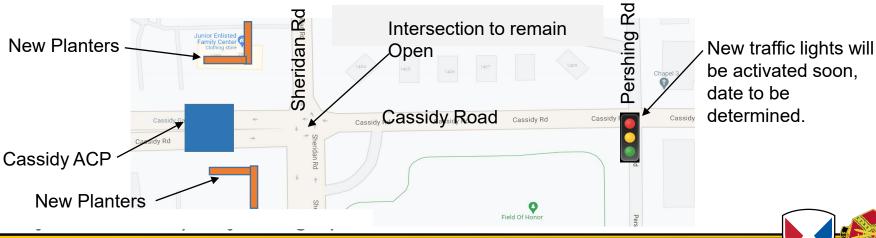
- Having a Baby? Tour the Maternal Child Health Services or Childbirth Preparation Classes! Childbirth, Breastfeeding, and Newborn Care! Call 915-742-9772 to schedule!
- Children's Waiting Room at WBAMC and Mendoza are by appointment only;
 call 915-742-9926 (free childcare while you attend medical appointments)
- Retiring and need health insurance! TRICARE information is available! Call 915-742-2828 to reach a health benefits advisor and attend a briefing!
- New to TRICARE? Call the Health Benefits Advisors at 915-742-2828 to schedule a one-on-one or unit/group brief to learn more about your healthcare benefits.
- Completion of the Joint Outpatient Experience Survey (JOES) and TRICARE Inpatient Satisfaction Survey (TRISS) is vital to WBAMC
- Visit our website for current information: https://william-beaumont.tricare.mil



Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Road Repair Update

Slide 1 of 2

- Cassidy/Sheridan and Cassidy/Pershing Intersection:
 - Sheridan Rd will remain open.
 - DPW will complete the installation of the new intersection traffic lights for Cassidy and Pershing intersection, but not used until further notice.
 - Cassidy/Sheridan intersection will not be modified until further notice, pedestrian crosswalk signals will always remain operational.
 - Completion Date Update: 31 August 2023

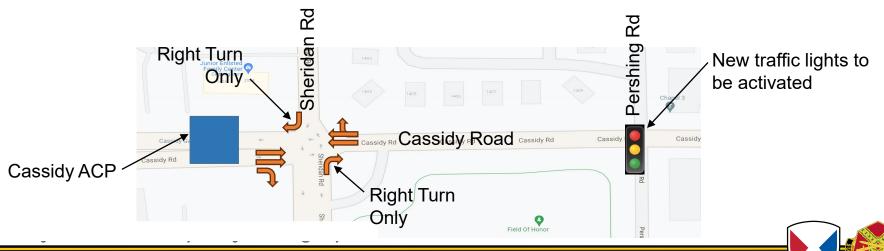




Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Road Repair Update

Slide 2 of 2

- Proposed Plan for Cassidy/Sheridan and Cassidy/Pershing Intersection:
 - Vehicles traveling east/west on Cassidy Rd will always have a traffic green light unless a pedestrian crosswalk signal is activated. Vehicles traveling on Cassidy Rd will be able to turn right onto Sheridan Rd.
 - Vehicles traveling north/south on Sheridan Rd. will only be allowed to turn right onto Cassidy Rd.
 - Sheridan Rd traffic light will always remain red.
 - Cassidy/Pershing traffic light to be activated after Cassidy/Sheridan intersection modifications are completed.
 - Estimated project start date: FY24

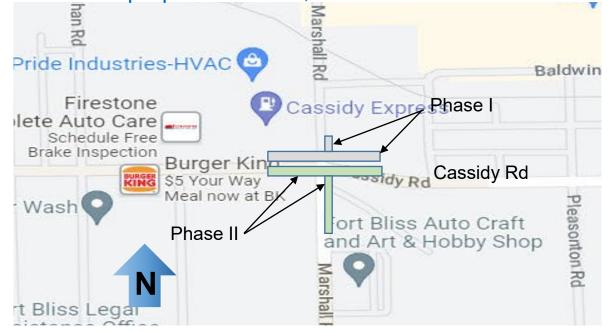




Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

Road Repair Update

- > Cassidy and Marshall Intersection Paving Repairs
 - Construction started: 3 April 2023
 - Project Phases I and II: Two Way Traffic, One Lane in Each Direction
 - Phase II Start Date: 20 September 2023
 - Completion Date: 28 December 2023. Update: Construction delay due to unforeseen underground utilities. USACE is working with the contractor to propose solution, resume work to be determined.



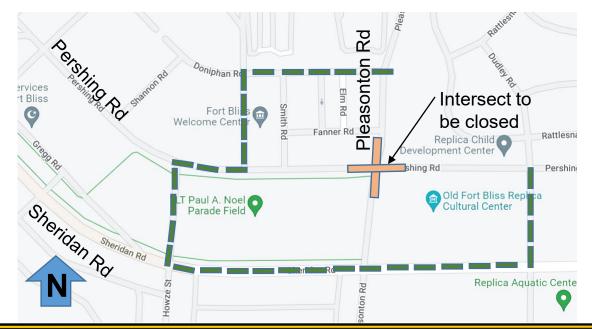




Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Road Repair Update

Water Mitigation at Pershing & Pleasonton Intersection

- Construction started: 21 Dec 2022
- Intersection is currently closed during construction.
- Completion Date Update: 30 Nov 2023







Directorate of Emergency Services

Law Enforcement Focus Area

Increased Traffic Enforcement:

- Police Services Divisions (PSD) is continuing to maintain their focus on traffic violations across the installation, with special focus on housing areas both contiguous and non-contiguous. Furthermore, PSD is emphasizing the prohibited use of cellular devices while operating a vehicle. It is a violation of 32 CFR 634.25 (C) (3), driving while using a cell phone on a DOD Installation, and carries a \$50 fine.
- The use of Personally Owned Vehicles (POVs) is strictly prohibited on tank trails within Fort Bliss Property. It is in violation of TTC 544.004, failing to comply with a traffic control device, and carries a \$85 fine.



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Directorate of Emergency Services

Off Limit Establishments

The following locations are listed in Command Policy Letter #8, Off-Limits Establishments:

- Cool Arrows, 800 North Zaragoza Road, Suite S, El Paso, TX
- Herb N Legends, 1920 Zaragoza Road, Suite 104, El Paso, TX
- Best Food Mart, 6200 Dyer Street, El Paso, TX
- Bo-De-Gas Graff Head Shop, 1791 Zaragoza, Suite C, El Paso, TX
- Dream Cabaret, 13299 Gateway Blvd. West, El Paso, TX
- Jaguars Gentlemen's Club, 113477 Gateway Blvd. West, El Paso, TX
- Rockin' Cigar Bar and Grill, 226 Cincinnati Ave, El Paso TX
- Back Nine Bar and Lounge, 1441 N. Zaragoza, El Paso TX

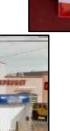




















Military Parental Leave Program (MPLP)

MPLP Overview

- On 6 March 2023, the Secretary of the Army released ALARACT 018/2023, to implement the expansion of the Miliary Parental Leave Program IAW DoD directive 23-001 and the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act
- 12 weeks of parental leave will be authorized for eligible Service Members

Eligibility

 Applies to Soldiers when any one of these events occurs on or after 27 December 22: The birth of a Soldier's child, adoption of a minor child by the Soldier, or placement of a minor child with the Soldier for adoption or long-term foster care

Unauthorized Parental Leave

- A Soldier is not authorized an additional 12 weeks of parental leave for the adoption of a minor child if the child is already residing in the Soldier's household
- When long-term foster care is converted to an adoption AND the minor child already resides in the Soldier's household
- A Soldier who either places their child for adoption or has their parental rights terminated by consent or court-order



Military Parental Leave Program (MPLP)

Takeaways

- Disapproval Authority: 4.G.2. (U) Only the First General Officer in a Soldier's Chain of Command may disapprove a request for parental leave for any Soldier
- If denied, the Soldier may carry over unused caregiver leave days for a 1year period on a day-for-day basis following the qualified event (deployment, hospitalization, etc.)
- 12 weeks of parental leave will be authorized for the birth parent, in addition to and following a period of maternity convalescent leave from childbirth

Common Complaints

- Commander disapproving MPLP
- Commander ordering Soldier to change dates
- Commander recommends disapproval with no recommendation (Change of plan)



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Alibis & Announcements

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





Questions & Answers





Closing Comments





MWR Sports Calendar





Youth Sports Calendar

YOUTH S		COST:		CHILDS-FOUR SERVICES
YOUTH SPORTS	AGES	1ST CHILD / COST OF ADDITIONAL CHILD	REGISTRATION MONTH	SEASON (2023-2024)
Boys/Girls Fall Soccer	3-15	\$45/\$38	July	August-September
Boys/Girls Fall Pickleball	7-18	\$45/\$38	July	August-September
USATF Cross Country	5-18	\$60/\$51	July-August	August-November
Boys/Girls Fall Tennis	5-14	\$65/\$55	August	September - October
Boys/Girls Fall Flag Football	5-18	\$45/\$38	August	September - October
Boys/Girls Winter Basketball	5-15	\$45/\$38	September	October - December
Co-Ed Winter Volleyball	8-16	\$45/\$38	November	December - January
Boys/Girls Winter Basketball Jamboree	7-15	\$15	December	January
Boys/Girls Indoor/Outdoor 3 on 3 Basketball	7-18	\$45/\$38	January	February - March
Boys/Girls Spring Soccer	3-15	\$45/\$38	January	February - March
Co-Ed Spring Volleyball Jamboree Play In	8-16	\$15	January	February
Boys/Girls Spring Tennis	5-14	\$65/\$55	February	March - April
Girls Spring Volleyball	8-16	\$45/\$38	February	March - April
Boys/Girls Pickleball	7-18	\$45/\$38	March	April - May
Boys/Girls Spring Flag Football	5-18	\$45/\$38	March	April - May
Boys/Girls Spring Tee Ball/Baseball/Softball	3-15	\$45/\$38	March	April - May
USATF Track & Field	5-18	\$80/\$68	March	April - July
Boys/Girls 5 on 5 Soccer	7-15	\$45/\$38	March	April
Boys/Girls 3 on 3 Volleyball	12-18	\$45/\$35	May	June
Boys/Girls Kickball	5-15	\$45/\$35	May	June
Boys/Girls Powerlifting	10-18	\$45/\$38	May	June - July
Boys/Girls Summer Basketball	5-18	\$45/\$38	May	June - July
Boys/Girls Crossfit Challenge	10-18	\$45/\$38	June	July
Boys/Girls Indoor/Outdoor 3 on 3 Basketball	7-18	\$45/\$38	July	August









Outdoor Recreation Calendar



EVENTS & CLASSES		COST
Kids Day on the Wall Soldier Activity Center • 12-6pm (ages 5+- Parents must be present)	JUL 1 & 2 / AUG 5 & 6 / SEP 2 & 3	\$8
Lead Climbing Class Soldier Activity Center • 1-4pm (ages 12+)	JUL 9 / SEP 10	\$20
High Ropes Course Soldier Activity Center • 1-4pm (ages 12+)	JUL 15 / AUG 19	\$20
Introduction to Climbing/Movement/Belay Soldier Activity Center • 1-2:30 pm (ages 12+)	JUL 23 / AUG 13 / SEP 1	\$10
Laser Tag Soldier Activity Center • 1-4pm (ages 5+ - Parents must be present)	JUL 22 / AUG 26 / SEP 17	\$12
Climbing - Anchor Building Class Soldler Activity Center • 1-3pm	AUG 20	\$15
Outdoor Equipment Sale Soldier Activity Center • 1-4pm \$10 per table (Seller Keeps all Procee	SEP 16	\$10

CLIMBING WALL

Every day • 10am-7pm • Robert Loeza Soldier Activity Center • Ages 18 & over welcome.

FREE for Active Duty. \$8/DOD Cardholders & General Public • \$45/Monthly Pass

WARRIOR ADVENTURE QUEST BRIEF

Leader-Led After Action Debrief (L-LADD) - 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!







MWR Highlights



Oktoberfest!

Sept. 22-23 | 6pm – Midnight | Biggs Park Cost: \$30 per person, includes commemorative stein (beer not included) Ages 18 and older only for these nights

Sept. 24 | 11am – 4pm | Biggs Park Cost: \$5 per person, ages 3 and older Family Day, all ages welcome!

Live performances by Terry Cavangh and the Alpine Express band and the German Air Force Schuhplattler Dancers!
Traditional German beer, delicious food, snacks and souvenirs available for purchase.





MWR Youth Sports Events









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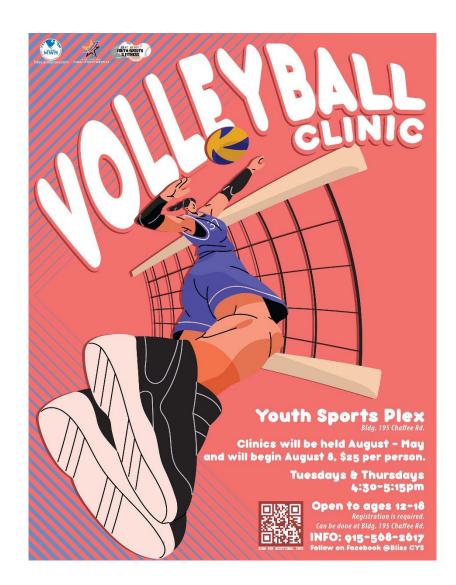








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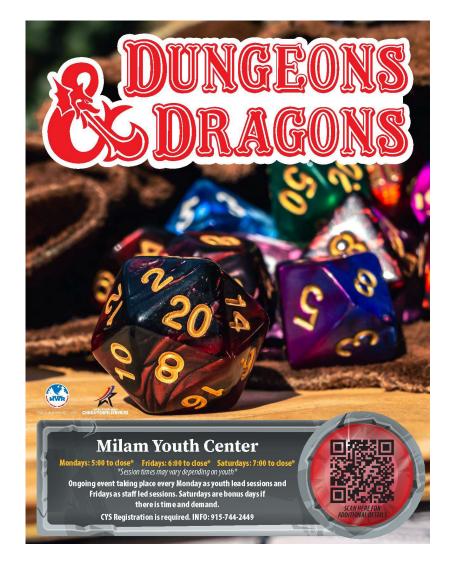






MWR Youth Center Events/Programs

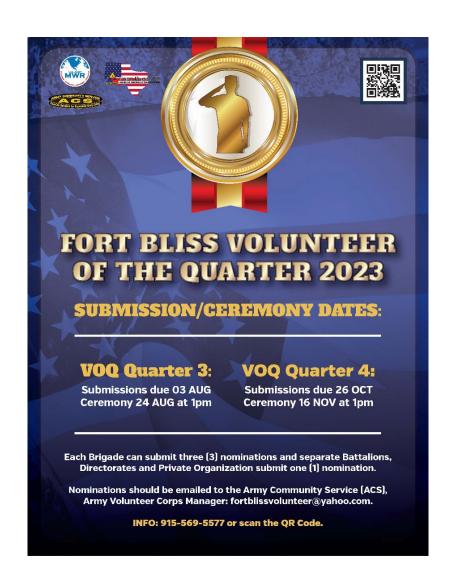








Army Community Service



HIRING FAIR MILITARY ID THURSDAY, CARD TO





AUGUST 24

9AM-1PM

DRESS TO IMPRESS AND BRING YOUR RESUME! OPEN TO DOD ID CARD HOLDERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 915-569-5838.















Fort Bliss Family Homes

Pools and Splash Pad Hours of Operation



POOL & SPLASH PAD HOURS OF OPERATION 2023 SCHEDULE

Pool Swim Season:

Saturday, May 27th - Monday, September 4th

Monday & Tuesday Closed Wednesday - Friday 12:00pm - 7:00pm Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm - 7:00pm

Pool Holiday Operation:

Memorial Day: May 29th 12:00pm - 8:00pm Independence Day: July 4th 12:00pm - 8:00pm Labor Day: September 3rd 12:00pm - 8:00pm

Splash Pad Season:

Saturday, May 27th - Monday, September 4th Monday Closed

Tuesday - Sunday 11:00am - 6:00pm

Splash Pad Holiday Operation

Memorial Day: May 29th 11:00am - 6:00pm Independence Day: July 4th 11:00am - 6:00pm Labor Day: September 3rd 11:00am - 6:00pm

For All Emergencies Call MP/Fire: 915-744-2115

Thank You, for your cooperation in making this season an enjoyable swimming experience for you, your family, and neighbors.

Balfour Beatty Communities - Fort Bliss Family Housing Management

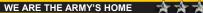














Upcoming Events and Activities

- 21AUG AWANA, 1730-1930, building 449 Pershing Rd. Fellowship meal each week! Register today @ vbspro.events/p/ftblissawana
- 21AUG Club Beyond Kickoff, Monday 1730-1930, then weekly club meetings on Monday 1730-1930 and small group meetings on Tuesday 1730-1930; POC: Jessica Mednoz, ftbliss@clubbeyond.org
- 25AUG CWOC Fall Kickoff Social, 0900 @ 1AD Chapel, BYOB Bring Your Own Boardgame, childcare provided
- 15AUG PWOC Kickoff, 0900 @ 1AD Chapel, childcare provided

For Virtual Religious Services and most Updated worship service schedule, please visit https://facebook.com/ftblisschaplain/ or call 915-568-1519







Women Axillary Ministries



https://www.facebook.com/groups/ **FortBlissPWOC**

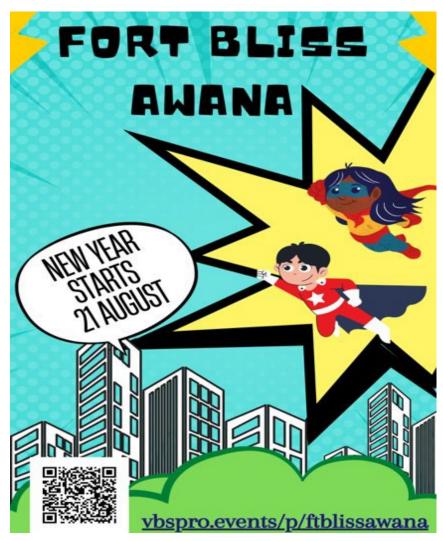


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AWANA Clubs





Scan QR code or click link to Register https://vbspro.events/p/events/ftblissawana





Youth Ministries



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Annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD)

Summary

October 12, 2023 RAD Golf Scramble

- Underwood Golf Complex
- FREE max 25 teams (4 per team)
 - At least 1 team member must be a Veteran, Retiree, or Active Duty
- 0800-UTC
- Breakfast/lunch available
- Register to secure slot https://fortbliss.asymca.org/2023RADGolf

October 13, 2023 RAD Main Event

- Centennial Banquet and Conference Center
- Breakfast 0800-0900
- Program 0900-1030
 - Guest Speaker Froylan "Froy" Garza, Executive Director/CEO EPVHCS
- WBAMC Health Fair/Organization Display Tables/Career Fair 1030-1500
- Contact RSO to reserve your Organization's table at (915) 568-5204 or (915) 569-6233
- Flu Shots provided to ID Card-holding Retired Servicemembers and their dependents/survivors.







Fort Bliss & 1st Armored Division Museum

The Fort Bliss and Old Ironsides Museum will close for a major Redesign Project to last 18 months to 2 years.





01 September 2023 will be our last day open to the public.





The Exchange **Events!**

Let Freedom Sing

- Eric Paslay and LANCO on Aug 19
 - Outdoor lawn
 - Doors open at 6PM
 - FREE
 - Open to the Public



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Fort Bliss Spouses' Association



Super Sign-Up Info

Date: 24AUG2023

- Time: 4pm-6pm

 Location: Sam Adams Dome in the Centennial

Purpose

- Sign up and join the FBSA
- Learn about the upcoming events
- Browse and shop at vendor tables
- Enjoy refreshments

