



THE MOUNTAIN POST

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

March/April Newsletter



Garrison Updates

Furlough Plan/Impact on Services

~ Furlough of Department of the Army Civilians one day a week starting o/a 24 April 2013 is still being reviewed.

Sustainment, Restoration, Modernization (SRM) Reduction

- ~ Reduction of SRM Budget
- ~ As of 01 April, only life/health/safety maintenance work orders being conducted
- ~ No new renovation projects being started (i.e. old commissary)

Tuition Assistance

Rick Maze, Army Times, March 25

Tuition assistance (TA) has been rescued by Congress after thousands of troops complained when most of the services suspended the popular education benefit as a cost-cutting move. Under the 2013 federal spending bill passed last week, the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps must restart their TA programs; the Navy, which never closed its program, is prohibited from dropping its benefits. TA must keep running through Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year.

The legislation ordering TA to be reinstated, which passed March 21, covered only the Defense Department, according to congressional staffers. The Coast Guard, which also suspended its program, comes under the Homeland Security Department. However, Coast Guard officials said March 22 they will revive TA through the rest of the fiscal year. The services are also indicating that TA will be available in fiscal 2014. But it could return in much different form from what today's troops are used to.

Eligibility rules may be tightened to stretch the available funding. The program's basic structure also may change. The Navy is pushing to return the program to its pre-2000 model, under which the services paid 75 percent of tuition and troops kicked in the other 25 percent.

The bill that ordered TA to be revived, HR 933, passed the Senate on March 20 and the House on March 21, and is expected to be signed by President Obama by March 27 because its primary purpose is to avert a government shutdown.

Late on March 22, an Army spokesman said the service will comply with the congressional mandate to restore the program, adding that doing so will "require the Army to make difficult, deliberate and thoughtful decisions on how to fund tuition assistance."

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You asked ... we responded

Questions from the March CIE

Q: Can you shoot Air Soft at the range or are there other locations to shoot Air Soft?

A: Yes you can shoot them at the CMSC but it will cost you \$10 just like all the other shooters on the range with real guns.

Q: When is the shooting range clubhouse expected to be completed and is it affected by current fiscal restraints for new construction?

A: Clubhouse is scheduled to begin during 2d phase; however, construction is contingent on revenue from partners.

Q: When does rafting start?

A: Rafting will start on 1 June 2013. Please check out our Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation Facebook Page for future dates and registration

Q: How far away is the rafting?

A: We conduct our rafting on the Arkansas River north of canon city and we float in the Royal Gorge area (approximately 1 ½ hours from Fort Carson).

Q: Is there a discount for groups at the shooting complex?

A: No it is \$10 per person but we do have group packages which should be worked out by the group leader and the Manager of the CMSC Mr. Rob Rohren

Q: Will you run "Scout Ranges" for CUBS and/or Boy Scouts? They usually do not have personal weapons – is there ever a plan to rent weapons to people who do not own them?

A: We are working with the local 4-H and Boy Scout Council to develop shooting sports for youth. We will start our Youth .22 camps on April 6, 2013 and have one each month. You will have to speak with your local troop, or pack along with the council on restrictions on shooting sports and liability coverage. Fort Carson has no plan to rent weapons due to current gun laws and liability issues.

Q: When will gift shop move?

A: Starts week of March 25. Contact rjgonsalves4@gmail.com

Q: Who is invited to the Gold Star Mom luncheon and Mother's Day brunch?

A: The event is for Gold Star Mom's, who mothers of deceased military members are. Invitees are extended through the Fort Carson Survivor Outreach Services office.

Q: Why is registered sex offenders allowed to live on post? And, is post following standard guidelines of not living within 1,000 feet of a school, or day care center not allowed to buy possess alcohol, etc?

A: There is no such thing as a standard guideline for Sex Offenders. Restrictions placed on an offender by the court are enforced in every way. However, not all persons labeled as sex offenders are issued court ordered restrictions. Not all persons labeled as sex offenders are Rapist and Child Molesters. If a person is convicted of certain offenses on the installation they can be barred from Fort Carson. However, most criminal history does not automatically prevent someone from residing on Fort Carson. All persons labeled as Sex Offenders are required to register with the Fort Carson Police as well as any other registration requirements imposed by the courts. Upon registration, their restrictions are verified and compliance with those restrictions is ensured. If these restrictions are violated, the offender will be charged accordingly which would bring offenses committed on post back into review. All states have different Laws on how to report Sex Offenders based on the court orders and restrictions. One state might not require registration for a particular offense but when they move into Colorado it does. There is no handbook explaining the different scenarios, so we work close with our local and state officials to ensure all rules and directives are enforced since it is a state law we follow and not a federal one. As always we are here to support our community and every member who resides in it.

Q: Is the "Hiring Our Heroes" event strictly for spouses?

A: It is designed for Soldiers, but spouses are welcome to attend.

Q: Will DECA hours be affected by the furlough?

A: Presently, unknown.

Company Commander and First Sergeant Spouses Course

Spouses of new and future leaders taking **Company/Troop/Battery Commander or First Sergeant** are encouraged to attend this **two-day course** where spouses can **meet with peers**, share experiences, and receive current information from professional **subject matter experts** on multiple areas of interest.

Upcoming Class Dates:

25 & 26 June 2013

10 & 11 September 2013

25 & 26 November 2013

For class registration and/or childcare reservations, please call ACS at 526-4590



Army Patient Level Satisfaction Survey (APLSS)

February 2013 (1603 Surveys Returned)

- ✓ Q7: Overall Satisfaction
 - 93.0%
- ✓ Q9: The overall phone service you received in scheduling the appointment for this visit.
 - 83.5%
- ✓ Q11: The amount of time from when you made the appointment until you actually saw the healthcare provider.
 - 79.4%
- ✓ Q13: The courtesy and helpfulness of the staff during this visit.
 - 85.6%
- ✓ Q20: Everything considered, how satisfied were you with (Facility Name) during this visit?
 - 93.3%
- ✓ Q21: In general, I am able to see my provider(s) when needed.
 - 85.6%

EACH APLSS

RATE/RETURN PER SURVEY

Questions 9, 11, and 13

Tier 4 – 87.5% and above		\$100	<i>Added to MTF Existing Budget</i>
Tier 3 – 85 - 87.4%		\$25	<i>Added to MTF Existing Budget</i>
Tier 2 – 82.5 – 84.9%		\$0	<i>BREAKEVEN</i>
Tier 1 – less than 82.5%		\$100	<i>Deducted from MFT Existing Budget</i>

QUESTION 21

Tier 5 – 95% and greater		\$500	<i>Added to MTF Existing Budget</i>
Tier 4 – 92 – 94.9%		\$300	<i>Added to MTF Existing Budget</i>
Tier 3 – 89 – 91.9%		\$100	<i>Added to MTF Existing Budget</i>
Tier 2 – 86 – 88.9%		\$0	<i>BREAKEVEN</i>
Tier 1 – less than 86%		\$500	<i>Deducted from MFT Existing Budget</i>

Camp Corral at Camp Shady Brook



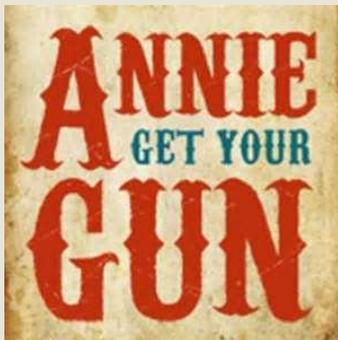
- **Week long overnight camp from Sunday, 28 July – Friday, 2 August**
- **Ages 8-15. Sorry there is no flexibility with ages.**
- **No cost to families. Note: parents/guardians are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children at camp.**
- **Campers will participate in a variety of traditional camp activities such as climbing wall, archery, swimming, boating, campfires, Smore's and much much more ...**
- **There will also be a Military appreciation and information day with presentations and displays from different branches of the military.**
- **Camp Shady Brook is located in Deckers, Colorado. Only 1 hour from Colorado Springs and 1 hr 15 mins from Denver.**
- **Visit www.campshadybrook.org for more information about our camp location and facilities.**

- **How to apply for Camp Corral:**
- **Go to www.campcorral.org and click apply.**
- **Follow the online instructions.**
- **First priority of acceptance is given to those whose parents/guardians are wounded, fallen/KIA or disabled.**
- **We still accept applications from those whose parents/guardians are currently deployed, scheduled to deploy or have just returned from deployment.**
- **Second priority applications will be waitlisted and notified if there are spaces available in May.**

Outdoor Recreation's Spring and Summer Programs



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SPARTAN RACE



THIS IS MY RUCK

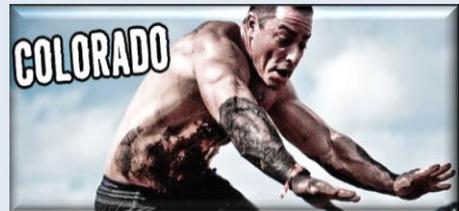
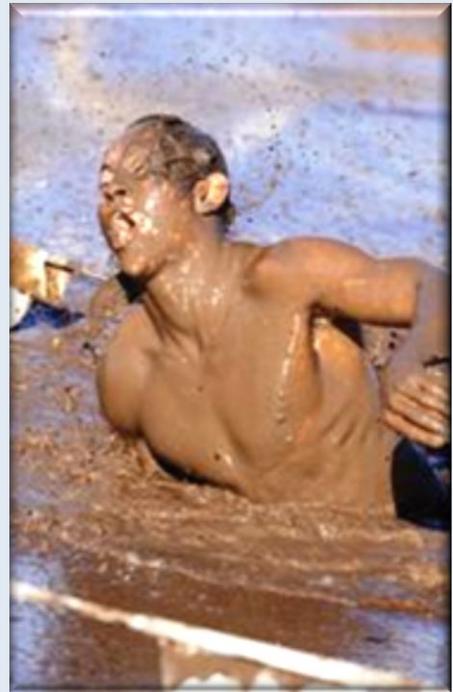
**THERE ARE MANY LIKE IT
BUT THIS ONE IS MINE**

Reebok
SPARTAN RACE

YOU'LL KNOW AT THE FINISH LINE

**MAY 4TH COLORADO
SPARTAN SPRINT**

FORT CARSON | COLORADO SPRINGS, CO



Girls Night Out

Girls Night Out Glamour Ball & Gown Swap

April 12, 6-10 p.m.
Special Events Center

- Free Makeup bags •
- Pampering •
- Music & Dancing •

Info 526-1867



Make it • Bake it • Fake it

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This event is designed to get your creative juices flowing. Whether you're as crafty as Martha Stewart, bake like Betty Crocker, or shop like Paris Hilton, this event is for you! We ask that you either: Make It, show your crafty skills; Bake It, pull out your best recipe; or Fake It by purchasing something great! We will put all items on display, then purchase your tickets and put them in the container for the item you can't live without!

Tickets are \$100 each

When: April 18, 2013 6-8p

Where: Elkhorn Conference Center

Attire: Cocktail Attire-Cash Bar

Cost: \$15.00 per person (spouses welcome)

RSVP: mpso.reservations@gmail.com

ANNUAL VOTING EVENT FOR 2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD!



4th Infantry Division & Fort Carson

DIV FRSA 503-0025

Army Community Service (ACS)

Director 526-0443

Family Advocacy Pgm Mgr 526-4590

Army Volunteer Corps Pgm Mgr 526-1082

Family Enrichment Pgrm Mgr 526-0460

Exceptional Family Member Pgm Mgr 526-0446

Carson Cares 526-1949

Survivor Outreach Svcs 526-0442

Warrior Family Community Partnership 526-8747

AFAP / AFTB 526-4590 / 526-8636

12-14 Sep 2012: FY2013 AFAP Conference

8am-4pm, Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center

American Red Cross526-7144 <http://chapters.redcross.org/co/ftcarson>**Information:**

Main Office 526-2311

Hospital Office 526-7144

Wounded Warrior Programs 526-2311

Army and Air Force Exchange Services

AAFES Manager 576-6174

Army Education Center 526-4104**Army OneSource**303-818-6242 , www.myarmyonesource.com

Free entrance to CO National Parks with DV ID SJA advancements—pro bono benefits

Key Partnership Forum

Balfour Beatty Communities

491-8026

Information: Mountain Post Running Club every Wednesday from 4-6pm at The Hub.**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pikes Peak Region**457-8404 www.bebigpikespeak.org**BOSS**

524-2677, Office located at The Hub

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC)

Fort Carson Employment Information

Bldg. 1118, Rm. 161 (AF), Rm 142 (NAF)

526-6972 / 526-0478 / 526-5316

Colorado Military Family Alliance (CMFA)pcstvnnsn@aol.com**Commissary**

Store Manager 524-9800x102

Customer Service Management**USAG Plans, Analysis & Integration Office**

Customer Service Manager 526-5638

<http://www.carson.army.mil/cms/><https://ice.disa.mil/>**Directorate of Emergency Services**

Director 526-1453

Non-Emergency Dispatch 526-2333

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR)

Director 526-6452

Complete Calendar at www.mwrfortcarson.com**Business Division Chief** 526-6933

Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center 576-6646

Child, Youth and School Services Coordinator 526-1333**Recreation Division Chief** 524-4417

Sports and Fitness 526-2151

Events and Entertainment Coordinator 526-4495www.facebook.com/CarsonMWReventswww.mwrfortcarson.com**Directorate of Public Works** Director 526-3415**Family Readiness Center 526-5199**usarmy.carson.forscom.mbx.family-readiness-center@mail.mil**Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8**

Superintendent 382-1310

Installation Care Team

rfmcl@aol.com

Military Child Education Coalition/ Parent to Parent

375-0548, Co_parent2parent@yahoo.com

Mountain Post Spouse's Club

MPSpousesClub@gmail.com

Info: Submit board position nominations to above email.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Government

<http://pikespeak.networkofcare.org>

Military impact planning, Service Directory, Library, Social Networking, Legislate, Assistive Devices, Nation- wide News

Protestant Women of the Chapel

pwocadmin@gmail.com, fortcarsonpwoc.wordpress.com

Religious Support Office 526-5279

School Liaison Officers:

School Dist: School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills Unlimited 524-2896

School Dist: 12, 20, Private & Parochial 526-3362

School Dist: 22, 23JT, 28, RJ-1, 60-JT,200, Douglas County, 53JT 526-1071

School Dist: 2, 3, 8, 14 524-0642

Thrift Shop

Bldg 305 on Tevis St.

Tues-Thurs 1000-1430, and First Saturday of the month

Apr-Sep

USA MEDDAC Fort Carson

COL McGrath, MEDDAC CDR 526-7500

Appointment Line: 524-/526-CARE (2273)

USO Manager 579-9699

1625 Ellis St., Bldg 1218

Information: Mon-Fri: 1100-2100, Sat: 1200-1800

Lunch: 1100- lunch runs out

Dinner: 1800- 2030, Hot dogs, brats or burritos

WiFi Internet Café, Movie Theater, TV Lounge, Snack Bar & Patio, Karaoke and Special Events, Gaming Areas, Xbox, Pool Table, Poker Tables, Conference Room, Children's learning center and more...

United States Postal Service 360-9667

Fountain Post Office 382-4625

Security Post Office 570-5450

Cheyenne Mountain Post Office 570-5472

VETCOM

Vet Treatment Facility NCOI 526-9841

Microchip and register all pets 526-3803

**Next CIE
Thursday, 25 April
0930 – 1100
Location: The Hub**