



Fort Carson Community Information Exchange

***27 October 2011, 0930-1100
The Hub***

Our Mission: *Provide units mission support and services including quality of life programs for the Fort Carson Soldiers, Families and the community to enable forces to execute expeditionary operations and minimize stress on Soldiers and Families in a time of persistent conflict.*



27 Oct Draft CIE Agenda



- Call to Order & Introductory Comments
- Hails and Farewells
- Garrison Commander
 - On-going Initiatives and Calendar Events
- Unit Update Briefs
- Organization/Agency Briefs
 - MEDDAC
 - Religious Support Office
 - Inclement Weather Procedures
 - Outdoor Recreation Winter Programs
- Special Briefs
 - Advisor Briefs
 - WeCar Sustainability Initiative
 - Santa's Workshop
 - The Fisher House
 - Author Trevor Romain USO Tour
- Question & Answer Period with Gar Cdr (using 3 x 5 cards)



Hails and Farewells

“Getting Informed is a Proactive Sport”



COL Robert McLaughlin

Garrison Commander

(719) 526-5600



On-Going Initiatives



- Halloween Safety
- Thanksgiving Dining Facility Competitions
 - 23 November is Thanksgiving Meal
- Resiliency Campus Update
 - Fitness Center, Forrest Wellness Center, Behavioral Health Clinic and Child Development Center
- Child Development Center Construction Update



CYSS Construction Update



- **Aspen – Chiles Ave., Gate 3**
* 14 November 2011
- **Monarch – Womack St., Gate 20**
* January 2012
- **Ivy – Prussman Blvd.**
* February 2012
- **Mesa – Grandstaff St., across from Abrams Elementary**
* Spring 2012
- **135 Multi-Functional Facility, Ellis St., next to Bldg. 5510**
* Spring 2012
- **24/7 Facility, Mekong St., near the middle school**
* Spring 2013
- **Resiliency Campus Fitness Facility, south of Fitness Center**
* Spring 2013
- **Youth Center, south of Iron Horse Park**
* Spring 2013



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Significant Events



Complete calendar at www.mwrfortcarson.com/

- 24 – 29 Oct – National Prescription Take Back Day
- 28 Oct – Dog Park Dedication, 1000-1100
- 29 Oct – Privately Owned Weapon Range Day, Range #1, 0900-1500
- 31 Oct – Fort Carson Trick-or-Treating, 1800-2000
- 3 Nov- Adopt a School Social, ECC, 1530-1700
- 4 Nov – Army/Air Force Football Game Pep Rally, Hub Parking Lot, 1800-1930
- 5 Nov – Fort Carson Beat Air Force Tailgate, Parking Lot #2A, 1000-Victory
- 8 Nov – Gown Swap, 1730-2030, The FOXHOLE
- 14-19 Nov – Military Appreciation Week @ DFMWR Facilities
- 17-18 Nov – Southern CO Sustainability Conference
- 19 Nov – Turkey Trot Run @ SEC
- 1- 4 Dec – Holiday Village @ SEC
- 31 Dec - New Year's Eve Ball @ ECC 2000-0200



Unit Update Briefs



- TF Ivy
- 4ID DSTB
- 1BCT
- 2BCT
- 3BCT
- 4BCT
- MEDDAC
- 10th Grp
- 43rd SB
- 71st EOD
- 10th CSH
- 759th MPs
- 4th Eng
- 52nd Eng
- 1-2 Atk
- 13th ASOS
- WTB



Organization/Agency Briefs



COL Jimmie Keenan

MEDDAC

(719) 526-7500



Coming Soon... (4th QTR FY12)



Evans Army Community Based Primary Care Clinic

Location:

Academy Point Atrium II Bldg
1150 Academy Park Loop
Corner of Academy & Fountain (Hwy 24)

35 staff members
responsible for the health
of 8,100 beneficiaries

Extension of the MTF
Part of Our System for
Health



Local
Imaging
Center or
MTF

Medical Home Practice

x 2

Per CBMH



Outreach Team
Triage Nurse
Case Manager
Care Coordinator



Primary Care Team
Provider + 2 LPNs

x 3

Per MH Practice



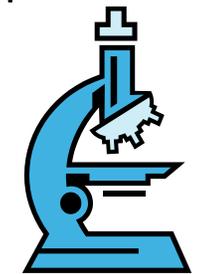
Behavioral Health
1 Provider



Continuity
"Float" Provider



Pharmacy



Laboratory

1,354 Enrollees Per Team X 6 Primary Care Teams = ~8,100 Total Beneficiaries

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Religious Support Office

(719) 526-5279



Up-Coming Events



<u>Event</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
30 Oct – “Trunk or Treat” Halloween Social	SMC, 1400-1530; Halloween social and candy give-away,
17 Nov – Prayer Lunch & Soldier Family Ministry Forum	SMC, 1130-1300 and SMC, 1330-1530.
19 Nov – Advent Holiday Workshop	SMC, 0900-1200, Catholic Parish family program making Advent & Xmas decorations
20 Nov – Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner	SMC, 1200; PRU, 1230: Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner w. special invitations to Single Soldiers
23 Nov – Thanksgiving Mass & Parish Meal	SMC, 1730, 1900; Special holiday Mass followed by Parish Thanksgiving Dinner meal and social
26 Nov – “Hanging of the Greens”	0830-1200, SMC; Breakfast fellowship social followed by decorating the chapel for the Advent/Christmas holiday season
2, 9, 16 Dec – Advent Dinner and Devotions	1800, PROV; Supper and Advent devotional program followed by family fun night games and activities
9-10 Dec – “Living Nativity” Drive-Thru	1800-2000, SMC; Christmas family holiday program with live actors, animals & outdoor sets portraying birth of Christ ICW social & refreshments



Up-Coming Events



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10 Dec – Parish Christmas Party	1900 SMC; Catholic Parish Christmas Social following Saturday night Mass
11 Dec – Christmas Musical Program	1100 PRU; Gospel service choir concert celebrating music of Christmas season ICW fellowship social
15 Dec – Prayer Lunch & Soldier Family Ministry Forum	SMC, 1130-1300 and SMC, 1330-1530.
24 Dec – Christmas Eve Services	1700, SMC, Catholic; 1900, SMC, Protestant
25 Dec – Christmas Day Services	0915, SMC, Catholic; 1100, SMC, Protestant
27-30 Dec – Winter Vacation Bible Camp	0900-1200, CYS Activity Center; VBS-style day camp with games, sports, Bible learning, singing, snacks and tons of fun; Ages 6-12, registration required
1 Jan – Watch Night Service	100-1200, PRU; Traditional New Years Eve Gospel service program ICW fellowship social and special outreach to single Soldiers



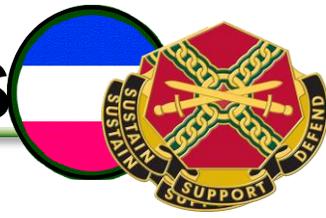
Ongoing Religious Programs



- **Protestant Women of the Chapel**
Tuesdays, SMC 0930-1130
- **Jewish Lunch and Learn Study**
Wednesdays, Provider, 1200-1300
- **Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Ministry**
Wednesdays, SMC, 1700
- **All Faiths Youth Ministries Bible Study**
Wednesdays, SMC, 1830
- **LDS Bible Study and Fellowship Dinner**
Wednesdays, SMC, 1830



Ongoing Religious Programs



- **Spanish Bible Study**
Thursdays, SMC, 1800
- **Military Council of Catholic Women**
Fridays, SMC, 0900-1100
- **Gospel Women's Fellowship**
2nd Saturdays, Prussman Chapel, 0900
- **All Faiths Chapel Youth Group**
Sundays, SMC, 1430-1630
- **Catholic Youth Ministry (Soldiers of Christ)**
Sundays, SMC, 1200-1330



Fort Carson Operations Center (719) 526-3400/5500



Key Concepts #1



Road Conditions AMBER: One or more of the following conditions exists:

- Roads are mostly snow packed and/or icy in spots.
 - Snow is falling at a rate that is causing accumulation on the road but is being cleared adequately by snow removal assets.
 - Road conditions would cause moderate and possibly hazardous delays to drivers.
 - Conditions are such that for maximum safety and to prevent accidents it is best to eliminate as much unnecessary traffic as possible.
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Road Conditions RED: One or more of the following conditions exists:

- Roads are snow packed or covered or are extremely icy in spots.
- Snow is falling at a rate that exceeds Fort Carson's ability to adequately and quickly clear the roads.
- High winds and snowfall are causing zero or near zero visibility conditions.
- Average snow accumulation on roadways has exceeded four inches.
- Conditions would cause lengthy and dangerous delays to drivers.
- Operating non-essential activities would cause unnecessary hazardous driving conditions to the community.



Key Concepts #2



Delayed Reporting:

- Allows non-essential personnel additional time to report to work safely
- Personnel are to depart well in advance of delayed reporting time to arrive safely

Post Closure: To preclude severe weather related injuries when sustained road conditions are RED and extremely severe weather conditions are in effect

Curtailment of Operations: Cancellation or modification of training and post activities in response to hazardous road conditions and weather forecast. Facilities and services including commissary, post exchange, outpatient clinics and pharmacy may be closed.

Phased Release: To safely manage the flow of personnel and vehicles off post, personnel will be released in a staggered manner as follows:

- First Released are those who live more than **15 miles** from Fort Carson.
- 30 Minutes Later: Second Released are those who live between **5 - 15 miles** from Fort Carson
- 30 Minutes Later (One Hour After 1st Group): Third Release are those who live **within 5 miles** of Fort Carson



Notifications



- Telephonic Alerting System (TAS)
- Mass Email
- PAO notifies local media outlets of changes
- Website Scroller – www.carson.army.mil
- Severe Weather Hotline – 526-0096



Director, Outdoor Recreation
(719) 526-3881



Outdoor Recreation Programs



- Rock Climbing
 - Indoor, Outdoor, On-post , Off-post
- Skiing
 - Rentals, Lift Tickets, Season Passes and Weekend Trips
- All Women's Series
- Youth Events



Special Briefs



Advisor Update



- Layette Program
- FRC/Gift Shop
- SOS
- District 8 Schools
- Gift Wrapping
- Tumbleweeds



WeCar Sustainability Initiative



WeCar



Fort Carson is the 1st WeCar Military Installation!

- **What is WeCar?**

- * 24 hour/7 day a week/365 year car rental
- * Registration/entire rental process on-line
- * Completely automated process
- * Locations of vehicles currently on Post

- **Who can use the program?**

- * Any Fort Carson Soldier, Family Member
- * 18-20 year olds can rent
- * Membership is transferrable

- **Very Affordable**

- * 1 time \$25 application fee
- * No annual renewal fee (only for the Military!)
- * Fuel and coverage is included in the hourly rate

- **Benefits to Fort Carson**

- * Savings available to Soldiers and Families using WeCar vs. owning a vehicle
- * Working towards the goal of reducing non-tactical vehicles on Post
- * 1 WeCar can satisfy 75 members
- * On average vehicle travel transports 1.5 persons/vehicle



Mountain Post Spouses' Club

MPSpousesClub@gmail.com



Mountain Post Spouses' Club



SANTA'S WORKSHOP

- **WHO:** Mountain Post Spouses' Club (MPSC) Santa's Workshop supports the Soldiers and families of Fort Carson during the holiday season.
- **WHAT:** The purpose of Santa's Workshop is to help make it possible for every Soldier on Fort Carson to provide for their children this holiday season. Santa's Workshop is **need-based**, not rank-based. Soldiers/Spouses meet with the unit's CFNCO to fill out an application. Santa's Workshop committee has final approval of all applications based on need and available resources.
- **WHEN:** Application deadline is Friday, 4 November. Shopping dates will be on December 5 to 8 from 0900 to 1630 each day. (NEED VOLUNTEERS)
- **WHERE:** Building 1045 on Wallace Avenue



Mountain Post Spouses' Club



Santa's Workshop Adopt a Child

Be one of Santa's Elves this Christmas by sponsoring a child for Santa's Workshop! Your \$25.00 tax-deductable donation will provide a brighter holiday for the child of a financially strapped Fort Carson Soldier.

Each year Santa's Workshop provides toys to hundreds of children. After a Soldier qualifies for assistance from Santa's Workshop, the Soldier or spouse comes into the toy shop to choose 2 new toys per child, and 1 board game per family to promote family night. In all, each child receives about \$25.00 worth of toys.

Your generous donation goes a long way!



Mountain Post Spouses' Club



Give Back Night at iTopit

Dates: November 3

Location: Cheyenne Mt. Blvd. next to Target

Purpose: 10% of proceeds from the evening's sales are donated to Santa's Workshop

For more information or to volunteer for any of our opportunities please contact:

Email: carson.sws@gmail.com



The Fisher House



TEAM FISHER HOUSE — CHAMPIONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Team Fisher House is the online grassroots fundraising program of Fisher House Foundation. The program enables participants to become "Champions for Military Families" through community or Team Fisher House events, or by hosting events of their own. The Team Fisher House program uses customizable, internet-based campaigns to make fundraising for Fisher House easy, fun, and rewarding.

The goal of the Program is to raise funds and awareness for Fisher House Foundation. Our Team Fisher House fundraisers reach out to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and local businesses to garner support for their campaign. Team Fisher House fundraisers play a critical role in supporting the Foundation. We are grateful for their time, effort, and dedication to helping military families in their greatest times of need.

www.teamfisherhouse.org

GET INVOLVED

If you're interested in becoming a fundraiser for Fisher House, please visit the Team Fisher House website www.teamfisherhouse.org or contact **Cathy Cabrey** at ccabrey@fisherhouse.org or (301) 294-8560.



www.teamfisherhouse.org



TEAM FISHER HOUSE Champions for Military Families



A DONATION TO THE FISHER HOUSE HONORS THOSE WHO SERVE

By contributing to Fisher House Foundation through this Team Fisher House Campaign, you can make a difference in the lives of America's military and their families when it is needed most. For every dollar donated, over 96% goes directly towards the Fisher House Program, earning Fisher House Foundation "A+" and "4-star" ratings from the major charity watch organizations. It is through donations such as yours that the Fisher House Foundation, Inc. is able to continue having a positive impact on the quality of life of "Our Greatest National Treasure...Our Military

Service Men and Women and Their Loved Ones."

Making an online donation to this fundraiser's online campaign is completely safe and secure, but if you would prefer to make a check donation, please download the check donation form found on the fundraiser's campaign page, or give your check to him/her in person.

Thank you for supporting Fisher House Foundation through this Team Fisher House fundraiser's campaign.



Team Fisher House marathoner



Team Fisher House Volunteers and Staff at a pasta dinner.



FISHER HOUSE FACTS

- **Houses in Operation:** 45 at the time of publication, more currently under construction
- **Families Served Annually:** 12,000
- **Total Families Served:** More than 130,000 since the program's inception
- **Number of Lodging Days Offered:** Over 3 million to date
- **Estimated Savings:** Participating families have saved nearly \$150 million in lodging fees, subsistence costs, and transportation expenses



Stacy Tyler, Team Fisher House Member, crossing the finish line after the Marine Corps Marathon.

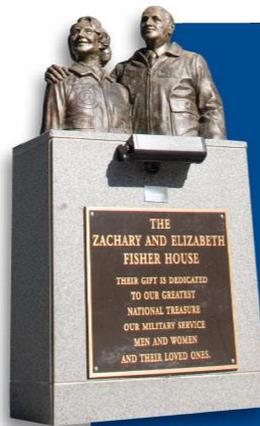
"I think of all the wounded warriors out there that would trade places with me in an instant. Being physically able to run is a GIFT. We must embrace it! When I want to complain about my aching feet or legs, I remind myself to be thankful I can feel those aches. I am quickly humbled; continuing my run is my way of thanking all those who have sacrificed for this great nation."

— Sarah T.

A WELCOMED "HOME AWAY FROM HOME"

A long-term stay in a military hospital, sometimes thousands of miles from home, can easily mean expensive lodging and long separations from loved ones. In recognition of the special sacrifices of severely wounded or ill service members and their families, the Fisher House Foundation, through the kindness of donations received, provides "comfort homes" that are built on

the grounds of major military and VA medical centers here and abroad. These homes enable America's military families to be together during extended treatment for serious illness or lengthy physical and/or occupational therapy sessions. With the comforts of a traditional house and the technology of today's smartest homes, this is truly a supportive environment.



A COURAGEOUS VISION

In 1990, Zachary Fisher and his wife Elizabeth began the Fisher House program to give back to America's military, building a total of 24 homes for the military and VA by the time of Mr. Fisher's passing in 1999. Today, 43 Fisher Houses are in operation at military bases and Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers throughout the nation and overseas in Germany, and more will open soon.

Zachary's grand nephew, Ken Fisher, now serves as Chairman of the Fisher House Foundation, and, with his wife, Tammy Fisher, is committed to continuing the organization's great legacy.





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Discussion & Questions

**Next CIE: 1 December 2011
0930-1100 @ the Hub**