



THE MOUNTAIN POST COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

December/January Newsletter



COMMAND UPDATES

- ◆ MG Anderson attended the November CIE to thank you and all other spouses who lent a hand with fundraising, food vouchers, and the emergency child care program. \$25,000 was presented to the Fort Carson FRG program! Most units will receive \$1,000-\$2,000 - smaller units will receive \$500.
- ◆ SGM Borrelli - President of the FCCO Sergeants Major Association - presented a check to Santa's Workshop on behalf of the SGMA and Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. After finishing their 2012 Holiday Food Drive, the SGMA donated \$1,000 of their fundraising to this organization that many of you participate in.

The IVY Division Band is performing its Holiday Concert at 1900 on 13 December at McMahon Theater. This wonderful event is free to attend.



Religious Services Holiday Activities

DECEMBER

- 11 1730 Advent Penance Service
- 15 0830-1200 Bethlehem Bash
- 15 1700 Mass and Potluck Dinner
- 15 1700 Christmas Musical
- 16 1100 Goodie Day
- 16 1200 Christmas Potluck Lunch
- 24 1700 Christmas Vigil Mass
- 24 1900 Christmas Eve Worship

FORT CARSON POLICE

PREVENT CRIME. ANONYMOUSLY REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR.

TEXT-A-TIP

Text your tip to
274637
(CRIMES)

Start your text message with the key word: **CARSON PD**

Reasons to text a tip:

- Weapons
- Drugs
- Alcohol
- Any other criminal activity

Remain anonymous

For emergencies dial 911

Add us as a contact Text us any time you have information about a crime in your community.



The Answers to Your Questions...



Q. What is the current rule for benefits for 21 yrs older?

A. Army Regulation provides entitlements up to 21 years of age, and up to 23 years if they are full time college students. The National Health Care Plan also reaches up to 26 year olds through the Tricare system.

Q. Is there a Holiday tree lighting event this year?

A. No there is not, but there is a huge number of other events and activities that await. *See pages 6 - 7 in this newsletter.*

Q. Can Holiday decorations be provided at non-MWR locations?

A. DFMWR can provide decorations as needed for off-post and other events as available.

Q. How do we get an injured coyote out of housing?

A. Call 526-2333.

Q. Why is the wait for housing through BBC 1 year?

A. Wait times are only estimates; BBC is unable to give future residents on the waitlist a specific wait time, as they do not know when a resident will submit a notice to vacate. Wait times also depend on the type of waitlist. For example, four bedroom lists are the highest in demand for every rank here on Ft Carson. Please note—homes are not offered down the list in numerical order, rather, at the top of the list and offer based on a service members availability date. For example, if a home is available for December, the people at the top of the list who also have December availability dates will be contacted. Wait times are only estimates and change frequently based off of the number of notices to vacate received.

Q. Can a pedestrian crosswalk be put on Specker St near the SEC?

A. DPW is discussing installing a pedestrian crosswalk at this location.

Q. How can we find out more about Operation Purple?

A. <http://www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/operation-purple/>

2013 applications for Family Retreats and Healing Adventure Camps will be accepted beginning next month.





U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
Evans Army Community Hospital



MEDDAC JOB VACANCIES

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>SERIES/GRADE</u>	<u># POSITIONS</u>	<u>CLOSING DATE</u>
LPN	GS-0620-06	2	9/30/13
Medical Support Asst	GS-0679-04	5	Continuous
Pharmacist	GS-0660-12 & 13	2	9/30/13
Physicians	GP-0602-14 & 15	7	Various dates
Registered Nurse	GS-0610-12	3	Various dates

Posting on these jobs can be reviewed and individuals can apply at <http://www.usajobs.gov/> or CivilianMedicalJobs.com for health professionals. Instructions on how to apply through USAJOBS is attached and tips for Military Spouses. Note: When Candidates log into USAJOBS, the person has to "Refine Your Results Jobs For" and click on either U.S Citizens (applies to all candidates with no affiliation to the U.S. Government or Federal Employees (Current, Transfers, Reinstatements, Interchange Agreements, Military Spouses, Veterans or Disability Preference).

Clinic Extended Hours

- ◆ Currently 2 providers within Warrior Family Medicine Clinic operates under extended hours daily
- ◆ 01DEC – Robinson FMC, DiRaimondo FMC & Pediatric; 1-2 providers per clinic with last appointment at 1720
- ◆ 01DEC – Evans FMC will have 3 providers with last appointments at 1720
- ◆ Available appointments will increase by 49 daily

Increased Access:

- ◆ 2 providers are seeing patients under schedules that are released daily for any appointment type
- ◆ 60% of appointments are released that day
- ◆ We strive to "See today's patients, today"

Pediatrics Daily Access:

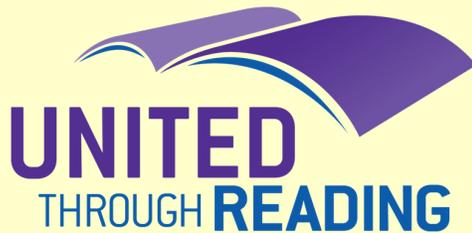
- ◆ 30% of appointments are for patients to be seen that same day
- ◆ Appointment slots are released at 0600 daily

PLEASE CALL 526 - CARE TO CANCEL APPOINTMENTS FOR ANY REASON.
 NO SHOWS HURT OTHER PATIENTS.

Tree & Wreath Auction

The Mountain Post Spouses Club is hosting its 1st Annual Charity Tree and Wreath Auction. We will be hosting an evening event with food, fun and a chance to help out our local military families by bidding on our decorated trees and wreaths.

- Where:** Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center
7300 Woodfill Road, Fort Carson
- When:** **Thursday, December 13th at 6pm.**
- Cost:** \$15 for food payable at the door, cash bar available
- Dress:** Celebrate the holidays with your ugliest holiday sweater or attire.
- RSVP:** Please RSVP by December 7th to mpsc.reservations@gmail.com



Check out our website at:
www.unitedthroughreading.org



Support us through
The Combined Federal Campaign!
#11393

ID Cards/DEERS Appointment System

- **Operating Hours**
 - 0730 to 1600 hrs Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
 - 0830 to 1630 hrs Thursday
 - Closed for lunch 1130 to 1230 hrs each day
- **Location:** Building 1039, O'Connell Blvd
- **Walk-in Support:** DEERS updated, ID cards issued, Pin resets, records
 - corrections
- **Appointments accepted through** <https://rapids-appointment.dmdc.osd.mil>
- **Documentation Requirements:**
 - <http://www.carson.army.mil/dhr/DHR/MPD/PPB/DEERS-IDCards.html>
- **Approximate Wait Times**
 - Walk-in: 40 Minutes
 - Appointment: 2 Minutes

DFMWR December Events and Holiday Activities

- 12/10** - Holiday Ornaments* - Ends Dec.14, Free @ IVY CDC. Rooms will make holiday ornaments throughout the week.
- 12/13** - 4ID Ivy Division Band - 7 p.m., Free @ McMahon Auditorium. 4ID Band will perform a 90 minute concert with a sing-a-long.
- 12/13** - Holiday Cookies and Cupcakes* - 3 - 4:30 p.m.@ West CDC. Free. Rooms will decorate cookies & cupcakes.
- 12/14** - Jingle Bell Run - 8 a.m., Free @ Iron Horse Gym. Prize drawings and free bells. Dirt and pavement route. Pets/Strollers welcome. Take photos with Santa!
- 12/14** - "Christmas Chaos" a Theater Production - 6 p.m. @ Freedom Performing Arts Center. Pre sale tickets: \$7 reg. or \$5 w/ID. At the door: \$8 reg. or \$10 w/ID.
- 12/14** - Middle School Holiday Ball. 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$2 @ Youth Center. Middle and High school youth celebrate the holidays by dancing the night away!
- 12/15** - Bethlehem Bash - 8:30 a.m. - Noon. @ Soldiers Memorial Chapel, ages 5-10. Holiday arts/crafts/activities for kids. Pre - registration required.
- 12/15** - Holiday Movie Marathon - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. @ Grant Library. All day holiday crafts and movies with a visit from Santa at 2 p.m.!
- 12/15** - "Christmas Chaos" a Theater Production - 6 p.m. @ Freedom Performing Arts Center. Pre sale tickets: \$7 reg. or \$5 w/ID at the door: \$8 reg. or \$10 w/ID.
- 12/16** - Christmas Dinner - Noon-3p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Free @ USO Center. Open to all Active Duty military and their families.
- 12/17** - Middle School Holiday Camp* - 5:30 a.m. - Noon @ Youth Ctr. A winter camp of 3 Community Service trips to make a difference! Sign up @ Parent Central. Ends Jan. 2.
- 12/18** - Gingerbread Cookie Decorating* - 3 - 3:30 p.m., Free @ Aspen CDC. Each room will decorate gingerbread cookies.
- 12/18** - Holiday Cookies & Hot Cocoa* - 4 p.m., Free. @ East CDC. Rooms will decorate cookies from 2:30 - 3:30. Cookies & cocoa will then be served in the lobby at 4 p.m.
- 12/20** - Holiday Music Festival* - 4 p.m., Free @ Cheyenne Mountain CDC. Each room will perform a song(s) for parents.
- 12/21** - Celebrate Winter Solstice* - All day @ Patriot & Mesa SA. Students and staff will wear pajamas, drink hot chocolate and watch holiday movies to celebrate winter.
- 12/21** - Gingerbread Cookie Decorating* - 2:30 p.m., Free @ Monarch CDC. Each room will decorate gingerbread cookies.
- 12/21** - Letters to Santa with Punch and Cookies - All day @ Parent Central.
- 12/31** - New Years Eve: Cosmic Bowling Party! 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. @ Thunder Alley Bowling Center. \$9 for kids 12 and under. Adults \$17.50. Includes cosmic bowling, shoe rental, party favors and continental breakfast at 12:30 a.m. RSVP 526-5542.

Fort Carson Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Christmas 2012 Holiday Hours

Facilities	Friday, December 21	Saturday, December 22	Sunday, December 23	Monday, December 24	Tuesday, December 25	Wednesday, December 26
Auto Craft Center	1200-2000	0900-1630	0900-1630	Closed	Closed	Closed
Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course	0700-Dusk	0700-Dusk	0700-Dusk	0700-Dusk	Closed	0700-Dusk
Child Development Centers & School Age Services	0545-1800	Closed	Closed	0545-1800	Closed	0545-1800
Colorado Inn - Lodging	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
DFMWR Bldg 1217	0730-1530	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	0730-1630
Elkhorn Catering & Conference Center / Ivy Pub	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Foxhole (The Hub)	1600-Close	1600-Close	1600-Close	1600-Close	Closed	Closed
Garcia Fitness Center	0500-1800	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	0500-1800
Indoor Pool (Ironhorse Fitness Center)	0530-2130	0530-2130	0530-2130	0530-2130	0530-2130	0530-2130
Iron Horse Fitness Center	0500-2200	0500-2200	0500-2200	0500-2200	0500-2200	0500-2200
Library	0900-1700	0900-1400	Closed	Closed	Closed	0900-1700
McKibben Fitness Center	0500-2000	0600-1400	0600-1400	0600-1400	Closed	0500-2000
Outdoor Recreation	1000-1800	0800-1400	Closed	Closed	Closed	1000-1800
Parent Central	0730-1700	Closed	Closed	0730-1200	Closed	0730-1700
Thunder Alley Bowling	1100-2400	1100-2400	1300-2100	Closed	Closed	1100-2300
Waller Fitness Center	0500-2200	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	0500-2200
Youth Center	0545-2100	1300-2100	Closed	0545-1800	Closed	0545-1900



Schedule available online at MWRFortCarson.com

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 Region457-8404 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)pcstvnsn@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-](mailto:usarmy.carson.forscom.mbx.family-readiness-center@mail.mil)[center@mail.mil](mailto: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, Nationwide 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

- Mon: Texas Roadhouse

- Tues & Wed: Papa Johns

- Thurs: Buffalo Wild Wings

- Fri: BBQ by Perkins 2X/month/ hot dogs

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, 31 Jan****0930-1100****Location: The Hub****No December Meeting -
Happy Holidays!**