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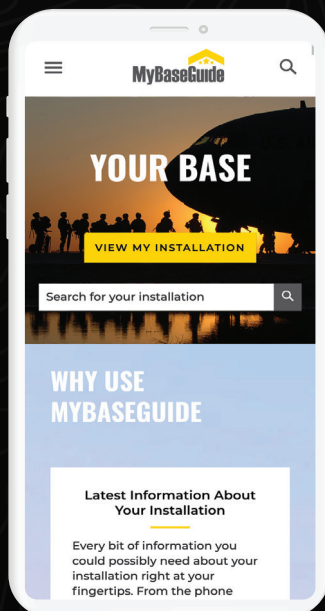
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WELCOME TO FORT CARSON

Fort Carson, “The Mountain Post,” is located just south of Colorado Springs at the base of the Rocky Mountains. The unparalleled beauty and mild climate of Colorado Springs make it a gateway to a wide variety of outdoor activities. Many internationally known ski areas and some of the nation’s most scenic parks and finest hunting and fishing areas are located within a short drive. Fort Carson Families have easy access to the many cultural attractions of “The Springs” and the bright lights of nearby Denver.

Whether you have already arrived to Fort Carson or have just received orders to report here, the information in this publication will help you get settled and take advantage of the on- and off-post services and attractions for your enjoyment.

CLIMATE AND ALTITUDE

The Colorado Springs area has a mild year-round climate. In January, the coldest month, temperatures average a high of 43 degrees Fahrenheit and a low of 23 with a mean of 33 degrees. The area averages 37 inches of snow annually.

August, the warmest month, has an average high of 84 degrees and a low of 61 degrees with a mean of 73 degrees.

Fort Carson’s elevation is above 6,000 feet and some newcomers may experience slight fatigue at first. Because of the elevation, new personnel are allowed 30 days to adjust to the altitude and to reach Fort Carson fitness standards.

ENTERING FORT CARSON

Unescorted access onto Fort Carson is restricted to personnel in possession of an authorized DOD identification card or an installation pass/badge. Guests, visitors, vendors and contractors who request unescorted installation access must undergo a National Crime Information Center -Interstate Identification Index (NCIC-III) criminal history background check prior to being granted access. Personnel requesting reoccurring unescorted access must process through the Gate 1 Visitor Control Center and have a Fort Carson form 2036 which has been digitally signed by their sponsor. Vetting for one time installation access can be performed at Gate 3. DOD ID card holders may escort non-DOD ID card holders onto the installation. If you have additional questions, call the DES Security and Access Control Division at 719-526-5543.

GETTING HERE

Fort Carson is 60 miles south of Denver on Interstate 25, Exit 135, South Academy Boulevard, or Exit 140A, Nevada Avenue (State Highway 115). The Colorado Springs Airport is currently served by eight airlines and is about 10 miles from Fort Carson. The Greyhound bus terminal is at 120 S. Weber St. in Colorado Springs. Its phone number is (719) 635-1505.

COLORADO ROAD CONDITIONS

Colorado weather can be erratic. Mountain passes are frequently closed due to snow and ice or mudslides — even in summer months. During



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winter months, storms may suddenly occur. Preparation is key to staying safe.

If you are traveling in the winter, come prepared. It is advisable to have equipment such as tire chains, blankets, flashlights and bottled water for emergency situations. The Colorado State Highway Patrol road conditions are updated around the clock; call (303) 639-1111.

INPROCESSING

All incoming personnel, colonel and below, who arrive to Fort Carson report directly to the Fort Carson Replacement Center at building 1456, room 203. Please arrive in the duty uniform (OCP) during duty hours, or, if after duty, in appropriate civilian attire. Replacement CQ will sign service members in off of leave and initiate inprocessing. Charge of quarters (CQ) will issue a barracks room and linen if required. If you have approved permissive temporary duty (PTDY), report to Replacement CQ to sign you in off leave in order to begin preapproved PTDY.

If you have Family members with you, or are a staff sergeant (promotable) or above, you must arrange for your own lodging. Rooms may be available at the IHG Army Hotels on Fort Carson (719-526-4832). If the IHG Army Hotels has no lodging available, make arrangements with off-post lodging. Maintain a zero-balance (\$0) receipt of payment for in-processing through Finance.

If you are a sergeant or below and you do not have Family members, you are required to live in the Replacement Center's barracks. If you are in this category, do not make any other lodging arrangements without first contacting Replacement CQ at 719-526-6961. If you are an unaccompanied staff sergeant, you may stay in the barracks if space is available.

Please arrive with four (4) copies of your PCS orders, and four (4) copies of your DA 31 Leave Form, as well as dental records.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CIVILIANS

Department of the Army civilians should report to building 1118, 1626 Ellis St., Room 161, at 7:45 a.m. on the first day of their employment at Fort Carson. For information on employment at Fort Carson, call 526-8341 or DSN 691-8341.

WHERE TO STAY

Staff sergeants and below, unaccompanied by their Families, will receive temporary billeting at the replacement detachment. Those accompanied by their Families or in the rank of sergeant first class and above should contact the IHG Army Hotels, building 7301, 719-526-4832, the post's temporary lodging facility.

Fort Carson Army Lodging on Fort Carson is now managed by InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) and called IHG Army Hotels. With this change, enjoy a list of amenities and services (including daily complimentary breakfast, free weekly socials, free wireless internet, and free on-post shuttle service) while enjoying the convenience of staying on-post.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Contact the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office as soon as possible. The office will coordinate delivery of household goods, unaccompanied and hold baggage. For more information or for delivery coordination, call 554-9298. Claims on damaged shipments are handled by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

WEAPONS REGISTRATION

All privately owned firearms brought onto Fort Carson and the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) must be registered with the Fort Carson Police/Provost Marshal Division (P/PMD) utilizing Fort Carson (FC) Form 66-E (Registration of Personal Firearms). FC Form 66-E is available from the Fort Carson homepage, directly from the Military Police Desk or by providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: P/PMD, ATTN: Weapons Registration, 7227 Christie St., Building 2700, Fort Carson, CO 80913. Do not bring the weapon to the MP Station or onto Fort Carson until it's registered. Please allow one to two weeks for the form to be processed and approved.

Registered firearms may be transported on Fort Carson to and from an authorized place of storage, sale, hunting area, hunter safety class, firing range or repair shop. The carrying of a loaded firearm in a vehicle or on your person is prohibited. The FC Form 66-E, stamped and signed by the P/PMD, must accompany the weapon while being transported anywhere on Fort Carson or the PCMS.

Properly registered privately owned firearms may only be stored in family housing, unit arms rooms and temporarily at the P/PMD. Firearms will never be stored in a vehicle.

Post regulations make it illegal to possess, store, maintain or display a blackjack, short barreled firearms, brass knuckles, nunchucks, throwing stars or spikes, gravity or inertia knives, switchblades, Tasers or any similar device designed or intended to be used as a weapon.

Call the Military Police Desk at 719-526-6199 for additional information.





HOUSING

OFF-POST HOUSING REFERRAL HOUSING SERVICES OFFICE

Army regulation requires Soldiers to report to the DPW Housing Service Office, located at the west end of building 1225, room 189, off of Evans Street, before making any permanent off-post living arrangements. Call 526-2323, 526-2322 for more information.

If a Soldier is taking permissive TDY for house hunting, a leave form must be stamped and dated by the Housing Services Office before starting permissive TDY or the Soldier will be charged leave for that period.

The Housing Services Office maintains a list of available rentals; briefs individuals on the local area; reviews, clarifies or explains lease contracts; mediates disputes between tenants and landlords; inspects off-post rental housing for suitability; obtains assurance of nondiscriminatory rental practices; maintains a display of area maps; provides computers, sales booklets and brochures; and provides transportation for Soldiers and Family members in search of off-post rentals when a privately owned vehicle is not available.

VOLUNTEER REALTOR PROGRAM

The purpose of the Fort Carson Volunteer Realtor Program is to assist the housing office to furnish rental and sale listings through the Multiple Listing Service System. Services include a licensed realtor providing

printed rental and sale listings, information regarding application procedures, interest rates and various types of mortgages. For information, call 526-7578 or visit the DPW Housing Services Office, building 1225, room 189, off of Evans Street.

ON-POST HOUSING

Housing units range in size from two to four bedrooms. Some housing is handicap accessible. Leasing, assignments and terminations of on-post housing are conducted by Balfour Beatty Communities, in building 6800, Prussman Boulevard. Stoves, dishwashers and refrigerators are provided, and hook-ups for washers and dryers are in all homes. Residents are responsible for gas/electric use in excess of an established baseline per the Department of the Army Resident Responsibility Program. Residents may also receive a refund each month for conserving.

Water, wastewater and refuse service is provided; telephone and cable service is available at the residents' expense. Balfour Beatty Communities maintains waiting lists for different groupings (junior enlisted, senior enlisted, junior officer, etc.) when demand in each grouping exceeds the housing supply.

Soldiers from anywhere in the world can access information by visiting the Fort Carson Family Homes website at <http://www.fortcarsonfamilyhomes.com> or by calling 579-1606.



PRIVATIZED HOUSING

There are a number of homes that meet UFAS standards for adaptability.

ARAPAHOE, CHEROKEE AND CHOCTAW VILLAGES (1,079 HOMES)

*Junior enlisted homes
(private-staff sergeant)*

These townhomes feature two, three and four bedrooms; central air conditioning and heating; washer and dryer hook-ups; separate storage; and fenced backyards.



Arapahoe Village



Choctaw Village



Cherokee Village

SHOSHONI, SIOUX AND APACHE VILLAGES (588 HOMES)

Junior enlisted homes (private-staff sergeant)

These ranch-style homes feature two, three and four bedrooms; two and a half bathrooms; central air conditioning and heating; washer and dryer hook-ups; separate storage; handicap-accessible; covered carports; and fenced backyards.



Shoshoni Village



Sioux Village



Apache Village



COMANCHE VILLAGE (90 HOMES)

*Junior NCO homes
(sergeant-staff sergeant)*

These townhomes feature three and four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, breakfast nook, separate living and dining room areas, oversized single car garage, patio and fenced backyards.



CHEYENNE VILLAGE (174 HOMES)

*Junior NCO homes
(sergeant-staff sergeant)*

These townhomes feature two, three and four bedrooms; central air conditioning and heating; washer and dryer hook-ups; separate storage; and fenced backyards.

CHIPPEWA VILLAGE (180 HOMES)

*Junior enlisted homes
(private-staff sergeant)*

These townhomes feature four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, central air conditioning and heating, living and dining room areas, den, storage rooms, oversized one car garages, patios and fenced backyards.



BLACKFOOT HILL (86 HOMES)

*Senior NCO homes
(master sergeant-sergeant major)*

These ranch and two-story, single-family homes feature three and four bedrooms; two and a half bathrooms; breakfast nook; separate living and dining room areas; oversized single-car garage; patio and fenced backyards; and handicap-accessible ranches.

KIOWA VILLAGE (234 HOMES)

*Senior NCO homes
(staff sergeant-sergeant first class)*

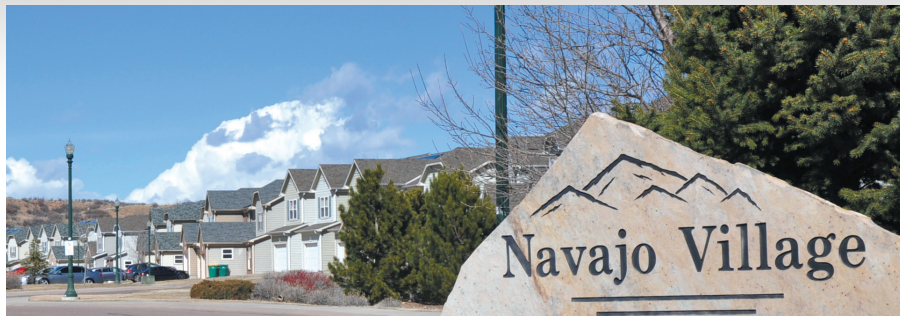
These townhomes feature two, three and four bedrooms; two and a half bathrooms; breakfast nook; separate living and dining room areas; oversized single car garage; patio and fenced backyards.



PAWNEE (158 HOMES)

*Junior enlisted homes
(private-staff sergeant)*

These townhomes feature two, three and four bedrooms; two and a half bathrooms; separate living and dining room areas; patio and fenced backyards; and some are handicap-accessible.



NAVAJO NORTH (149 HOMES)

*Senior NCO homes
(staff sergeant-master sergeant)*

The townhomes feature two, three and four bedrooms; two and a half bathrooms; breakfast nook; separate living and dining room areas; oversized single-car garage; patio and fenced-in backyards.

NAVAJO SOUTH (98 HOMES)

*Senior NCO homes
(staff sergeant-master sergeant)*

These townhomes feature two, three and four bedrooms; two and a half bathrooms; breakfast nook; separate living and dining room areas; oversized single-car garage; patio and fenced backyards.



UTE HILL (86 HOMES)

*Senior Officer homes
(CW5/colonel)*

These ranch-style or two-story, single-family homes feature three and four bedrooms; two and a half bathrooms; breakfast nook; separate living and dining room areas; oversized single or double-car garages; patio and fenced in backyards; and handicap-accessible ranches.

DAKOTA RIDGE VILLAGE (216 HOMES)

*Junior NCO homes
(sergeant-staff sergeant)*

These town homes feature four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, central air conditioning and heating, living and dining room areas, den, storage rooms, oversized one- and two-car garages, patios and fenced backyards.



IROQUOIS VILLAGE (300 HOMES)

*Junior officers/senior NCO homes
(company grade officer-
CW3/master sergeant-sergeant major)*

These duplex-style homes feature three and four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, central air conditioning and heating, living and dining room areas, storage rooms, oversized two-car garages, patios and fenced backyards.



HEALTH SERVICES

EVANS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (EACH) QUICK REFERENCE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Emergency Room/Ambulance.....	526-7111
TRICARE Nurse Advice Line	524-2273, dial option 3
Appointment Line	524-CARE (2273) or 526-CARE or (866) 422-7391 option 1

PHARMACY

Pharmacy Call-in Refill Prescriptions.....	526-7410 or 524-4081
Patient Advocate Office	526-7225
Hospital Operator.....	526-7000

The U.S. Army Medical Department Activity – Fort Carson operates Evans Army Community Hospital and its 2,300 military and civilian personnel. The hospital is the key component of the Colorado Springs Military Health System. The CSMHS is a single, integrated military health care delivery system. It strives to be the model of an integrated military health care system, delivering health and value for our beneficiaries and stakeholders.

Evans ACH is in building 7500 off Titus Boulevard, near Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course. As the key component of the joint-services Colorado Springs Military Health System, it provides primary care services to Soldiers, other service members, Family members and retirees. The five-story, 92-bed hospital includes an inpatient/family care ward, mother/baby birthing center, intensive care unit, inpatient behavioral

health ward, internal medicine and emergency room. An adjoining, two-story clinic building contains the Warrior Clinic and numerous outpatient specialty clinics with 400 examination and treatment rooms. A common area atrium connects the two sections of the Evans ACH building. This area includes the Patient Services Center, admissions and dispositions office, a medical library, chapel and the main pharmacy.

Adjacent to the hospital is the 153,350 square-foot, three-story Woods Soldier Family Care Center. This houses the Ivy Clinic, the 24-chair Dental Clinic #2, physical therapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, orthopedics, chiropractic care, child and family behavioral health, outpatient records, ancillary radiology, a pharmacy and Starbucks. The Mountain Post Behavioral Health Clinic, Robinson Clinic and the DiRaimondo Clinic are also on Fort Carson.

Visit the hospital's webpage at <https://evans.tricare.mil>. This contains a telephone directory and useful information about our services and clinics. Also, our Facebook and Twitter pages include daily posts related to wellness, health and medical issues, as well as hospital announcements, so “Like” us at www.facebook.com/EvansArmyCommunityHospital and “Follow” us at www.twitter.com/EvansHospital.

TRICARE ENROLLMENT

Military Families can enroll in TRICARE Prime by calling Health Net Federal Services at 844-866-WEST (9378) or visiting www.tricare.mil and selecting Enroll or Purchase a Plan. Active-duty service members will be enrolled to EACH when they in-process the Fort Carson Welcome



Center. TRICARE Prime provides patients with the best means of access to health care at EACH. Family members must be enrolled in TRICARE Prime or their care may be limited. TRICARE Select patients are able to utilize services within the Emergency Department, Pharmacy, Radiology and the Lab. Dependent parents and dependent parents-in-law are not assigned a primary care manager (PCM) within Evans Army Community Hospital.

HOW TO MAKE OR CANCEL AN APPOINTMENT

TRICARE beneficiaries can make, cancel and reschedule appointments or talk to an advice nurse by calling the Patient Access Service line at 524-CARE (2273) or 526-CARE (2273) or by accessing TRICARE Online at www.tricareonline.com. Outside of business hours, beneficiaries can call the Patient Access Service line and select option 3 to be connected to the National Nurse Advice line to receive home health care advice for themselves or their children or be referred to the EACH Emergency Department. Please cancel or reschedule appointments if you cannot make it. Do not miss your scheduled appointments as this negatively affects other patients and your providers.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Patients requiring emergency care should be taken directly to the hospital's Emergency Department. Emergency services are available 24/7. The telephone number is 526-7111. Patients are seen on a medical priority basis, based on the seriousness of the injury or illness, not necessarily in the order of arrival.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

For ambulance service on Fort Carson, call 911 from any civilian or military phone. The Fort Carson ambulance service will respond to on-post emergencies only. Civilian ambulances will respond to off-post emergencies.

PATIENT ADMINISTRATION

The Patient Administration Division (PAD) of EACH helps Soldiers and Families order medical records from other military facilities and civilian hospitals, copy medical records, process birth certificates, conduct Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) checks, initiate line of duty investigations, provides notary services and processes requests for release of medical information. This department provides for and coordinates all administrative matters related to the admission and disposition of inpatient and outpatient services. For more information, call 526-7287.

All patients older than 10 years old must present a military identification card for treatment at EACH. A parent or guardian must accompany children under 18.

All military Family members must be enrolled in DEERS prior to receiving non-emergency medical care. The Electronic Medical Record (AHLTA and HAIMS) is the primary record source for patient appointments, however, a copy of outpatient records can be delivered to the clinic for appointments as needed. Medical records for all beneficiaries are maintained at the hospital. Questions concerning records may be answered by calling 526-7293.

PAD provides excellent administrative support services to the hospital staff and beneficiaries in the most effective and efficient means possible.

PHARMACY SERVICES

All eligible TRICARE beneficiaries may have prescriptions from both military and civilian providers filled at EACH's pharmacies at no charge. Medication availability is determined by the DOD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and generally includes medications designated as Basic Core Formulary or Uniform Formulary within the Military Health System. The formulary search tool is available at www.expressscripts.com/static/formularySearch/2.0.5/#/formularySearch/drugSearch?accessLink=FSTResults. Medications designated as DOD non-formulary are not available through military treatment facility pharmacies.

The EACH Main Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy is open Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.

to 6 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and training holidays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Woods Soldier Family Care Center Pharmacy is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All outpatient pharmacies are closed on federal holidays. Full-service pharmacies are also located at Robinson Clinic, Soldier Readiness Processing Center, DiRaimondo Clinic and Butts Army Airfield Clinic for patients receiving care at these clinics. Hours for these pharmacies are listed at <https://evans.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy>. Prescription refills must be ordered in advance either by phone at 524-4081 or 888-745-6427. Refill prescriptions ordered before 3:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday are generally ready for pick-up after two duty days after 2 p.m. Please allow additional time for federal holidays and training days. Refills can be ordered for pick up at either the Evans Main Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy or the Woods Soldier Family Care Center Pharmacy.

PATIENT SERVICES CENTER

The Patient Services Center (PSC) is in room 1011. Use Parking Lot A, and enter through the main west entrance. Hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are closed on holidays and most training holidays.

The Patient Advocate Office is within the PSC and serves patients in the capacity of providing resolutions to issues that were not resolved through the clinic or department leadership. After every effort has been made to fix the issue at the lowest level, patients may direct their questions, problems or concerns to the Patient Advocate Office. To reach the main





desk, call 526-7225. Other services available within the PSC include beneficiary counseling, medical debt collection assistance and the ombudsman services. For any issues after duty hours, contact the administrative officer of the day at 526-7001/7002. ICE cards are provided throughout the hospital to voice complaints and compliments or feel free to go online: <http://ICE.disa.mil>.

The Patient- and Family-Centered Care (PFCC) initiative is committed to strengthening the partnership between our providers, patients and their Family members. Changes are implemented to better serve patients and Families by ensuring that the Family's perspective is considered when developing policies and programs, as well as in the delivery of care. Patients and/or Family members interested in serving on the Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC) should contact us at 526-7225.

The Resource Center is available within the PSC and supports informed health care decisions and promotes wellness. It provides a comfortable, family-centered environment where patients and Families have access to reliable patient educational resource materials. Stop by and use the computer, send faxes, make copies or use the courtesy phone. Our services are free and confidential.

The American Red Cross office is within the Patient Services Center in room 1010A. American Red Cross staff members will help to meet the needs of a changing military environment. They will primarily coordinate hospital volunteers and can link both military members and their Families to emergency services and other services as needed by military Families. Contact the Red Cross Office at 526-7144 if you wish to volunteer. To initiate Emergency Red Cross Messaging, contact the 24-Hour Emergency Number at 1-877-272-7337.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Main services are in Fort Carson Public Health, building 2059, at the corner of Magrath Avenue and Yano Street and are offered to DOD health care beneficiaries. The physical street address is 6582 Magrath Ave. Services provided include:

Occupational Health – Delivers occupational-related medical services to ensure the health and welfare of the DOD workforce. Hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., excluding holidays. No children can be accommodated or left unattended during occupational health examinations.

Preventive Medicine/Communicable Disease Clinic – Evaluates and treats sexually

transmitted infections and other communicable diseases. It also provides epidemiological surveillance and evaluations for health-related needs prior to leisure travel.

Public Health – Provides evaluation and treatment of the latent tuberculosis infections, health inspection and liaison consultation to installation Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) assets, rabies prevention following animal bites, HIV case management for active-duty military, influenza vaccination campaign oversight, and sexually transmitted disease tracking and education.

Environmental Health – Provides hazardous waste and regulated medical waste oversight, conducts water quality surveillance, entomologic and pest surveillance, and conducts food facility inspections for the installation.

Industrial Hygiene – Located in building 1059 at 1852 Irwin Drive. Ensures safe and healthy working conditions for Fort Carson, Evans Army Community Hospital and outlying clinics through inspections, sampling, evaluations and monitoring that may contribute or cause sickness, illness, injury, discomfort or safety concerns. Industrial Hygiene plays a key role in the Army Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) Program. Surveillance plans for worksites and workers are based on SOH worksite visits and any identified potential hazards such as indoor air quality, chemical exposures, noise, vibration, repetitive stress and ergonomics. Industrial Hygiene makes recommendations on methods to mitigate hazards such as engineering controls, substitution, elimination and use of personal protective equipment.

Hearing Program – Located in building 1525, room 422, on 6351 Wetzel Ave. This clinic provides hearing readiness services, clinical and operational hearing services and hearing conservation activities.

Health Physics (Radiation Safety) – Located in Evans Army Community Hospital, building 7500, Eye Clinic, second floor near the main entrance, room 2271. Responsible for performing radiation safety surveys of all radiation sources used within the facility, ensuring accountability and the safe use of all 138 X-ray systems (along with several Curies of unsealed sources) located throughout the hospital. The office specializes in diagnostic imaging and radiation therapy; monitoring radiation exposure of workers, patients and visitors to the facility; establishing and monitoring radiation safety procedures; educating



patients and staff on topics pertaining to ionizing and non-ionizing radiation; and assuring the medical facility is in compliance with state and federal radiation safety regulations. The phone number is 526-7047.

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER - FORT CARSON

The Army Wellness Center (AWC) promotes an enhanced and sustained healthy lifestyle to improve the overall well-being of Soldiers, Family members, retirees and the civilian workforce. The AWC is a U.S. Army Medical Command initiative overseen by the Army Public Health Center. The AWC is staffed by nurse and health educators who deliver primary preventive programs.

Core programs include a health assessment review, physical fitness, healthy nutrition, stress management and general wellness education. These integrated, evidence-based services facilitate a holistic approach which takes into account an individual's physical, psychological and social circumstances. This comprehensive approach empowers participants to set their own health goals and achieve them.

From calculating resting metabolic rates to computing cardio respiratory fitness levels and measuring body fat composition, all testing provided is state of the art and individualized to address client needs, motivation and confidence level. In the private sector, these services could cost upward of \$3,000, but the Fort Carson AWC offers all of these services for free.

The Army Wellness Center is in the Forrest Resiliency Center, building 1843, 1891 Prussman Blvd. The phone number is 526-3887.

SOLDIER READINESS PROCESSING CENTER

The SRPC is in the Mountain Post Soldier Center, 6351 Wetzel Ave., building 1525.

The U.S. Army Medical Command is responsible for providing health care support for mobilization, deployment, sustainment and demobilization of Army forces. MEDCOM also provides individual Army Medical Department (AMEDD) training and medical material, research and development to support the Army mobilization force.

The SRPC provides health care support for inprocessing, outprocessing, deployment and post deployment operations. SRPC Medical will assist Soldiers and units in updating medical readiness by ensuring all Soldiers reporting to Fort Carson are medically ready before they report to their unit of assignment. It will assist units by being the conduit for readiness between the supporting soldier medical homes

and the unit. It will ensure all out-processing Soldiers do not have any medical and/or mental health condition that would preclude them from deploying.

Medical personnel check for and initiate corrective action to eliminate individual Soldier readiness non-deployable conditions or report the situation to their primary care manager and their commander; conduct a health record review to address all medical readiness conditions; review and update MEDPROS IMR report; and review and update DD Forms 2795 (pre-deployment), 2796 (post deployment), 2900 (post deployment health reassessment) and periodic health assessments.

Soldiers will be screened for medical readiness in vision, laboratory, immunizations, behavioral health and periodic health assessments. Optometry (vision) screening will include ordering glasses and inserts as required. Laboratory screening will include review/update HIV test, screening for pregnancy, verification of blood type, Glucose 6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase (G6-PD) Deficiency screening and sickle cell screening. Immunizations will be completed as needed based on the mission of the unit. Soldiers will have MEDPROS and AHLTA reviews during every visit to SRP to ensure Soldier readiness. 100 percent ANAM screening for all deploying Soldiers will be completed during SRP process as well.

SRPC MEDICAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Chief, Medical Operations	524-2757
Medical Director	524-5569
Chief Nurse	524-5347
Operations Specialist	526-0165
MEDPROS Coordinator	524-4669
ANAM Proctor	524-3197
Hearing Readiness	526-6976
Defense Brain Injury	526-8636

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CARE

In 2015, the Secretary of the Army moved substance abuse care to the Army's Medical Command within behavioral health services. Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care treatment is now in the medical realm while Installation Management Command retains responsibility of the Army Substance Abuse Program drug testing and deterrence, alcohol and drug abuse prevention training, and the ASAP training curriculum.

Soldiers seeking substance abuse assistance should visit the new Behavioral Health Addiction Medicine office in building 1056 (next to the old SRP site) on O'Connell Boulevard. Counseling sessions will now take place in either building 1056, the Mountain Post Behavioral Health Clinic (on Specker Road), or at embedded behavioral health clinics.

For those needing assistance with a substance use disorder, call Behavioral Health Addiction Medicine at 526-2862. Call 911 for emergencies.

U.S. ARMY DENTAL ACTIVITY

Complete dental care is available for all active-duty Soldiers. Fort Carson has state-of-the-art dental facilities. Commanders and first sergeants will direct Soldiers to the appropriate facility. There are five dental clinics on Fort Carson:

- Dental Clinic #1 – 6990 Quinn St., building 2356, 719-526-2200
- Dental Clinic #2 – 1650 Cochran Circle, building 7503, 719-503-7167
- Larson Dental Clinic – 1227 Felkins St., building 1227, 719-526-3330
- Smith Dental Clinic – 2280 Hogan St. building 1855, 719-526-5400
- Hospital Dental Clinic (Oral Surgery) – 1650 Cochran Circle, building 7500, room 2806, 719-526-7100





For more information, call DENTAC Headquarters at 719-526-2006.

Due to limited resources and an emphasis on active-duty dental readiness, there is no space available for Family members. Family members of active-duty Soldiers may apply to be enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program. Services covered under TDP include endodontics, periodontics, oral surgery, prosthodontics, orthodontics, crowns and other cast restorations in addition to preventive, diagnostic, emergency, anesthesia and restorative services. Enrollment forms may be downloaded at <http://www.ucci.com> or obtained by visiting a local uniform service personnel office, dental treatment facility or Evans Army Community Hospital's Patient Representative Office. For more information, call United Concordia at 800-866-8499.

AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE

After-hours dental emergencies (bleeding, swelling or trauma) should report to Evans Army Community Hospital emergency room.

FORT CARSON VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY

To promote the health and well being of animals owned by military personnel, the Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility sees pets on an appointment-only basis. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 526-3803. The VTF is at 1535 Sheridan Ave. in building 6190.

Anyone who owns pets and lives on post must abide by Fort Carson Regulation 40-5 and the Fort Carson Family Housing Guide:

- Register pets with the VTF within 10 days of arrival or after acquiring a new pet. Fort Carson residents are limited to two pets in post quarters.
- Have all puppies and kittens vaccinated with an initial series of shots beginning at 6-8 weeks of age, every three to four weeks until 16 weeks of age and annually thereafter. Have all pets vaccinated for rabies at 16 weeks of age and annually thereafter. The rabies identification tag must be placed on the animal's collar.
- Have pets microchipped. This involves placing a microchip, the size of a grain of rice, underneath the skin in the pet's shoulder area. This is a means of permanent identification and is mandatory for pets living on Fort Carson.
- Provide adequate food, water and shelter for animals; remove pet waste daily.
- Animals must be under proper control at all times and cannot roam freely. Animals will not be left unaccompanied in vehicles.
- For those who live off post and within the city limits of Colorado Springs, their dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies annually. Dogs must be licensed within 30 days of arrival and annually thereafter.

Contact the VTF for information concerning licensing agencies.

The clinic hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is closed holidays and

the last working day of the month. These hours are subject to change on short notice, based on mission requirements.

WARRIOR TRANSITION BATTALION (WTB)

In the summer of 2007, the Army Medical Action Plan was created to help develop solutions to improve processes and procedures for providing care to ill and injured Soldiers at Army and VA medical treatment facilities. In today's Army, wounded, ill and injured Soldiers are more commonly known as transitioning Soldiers.

The mission of the Fort Carson WTB is to provide command and control, primary care and case management for these Soldiers in order to establish conditions for their healing and to promote a timely return to the force or transition as a veteran to civilian life.

Every WTB Soldier receives a detailed comprehensive care plan detailing a plan of action to facilitate medical healing. This plan in turn is an integral part of a detailed comprehensive transition plan which addresses medical care, spiritual welfare, behavioral health counseling, family counseling, education and meaningful, productive employment.

The goal is to transition a healed and trained Soldier back into the Army or to transition a healed, educated veteran to productive civilian life.





CARSON COMMUNITY

SCHOOLS

Fort Carson is served by Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8. Four elementary schools and a middle school are located on post.

- **Weikel Elementary School** serves children in preschool through fifth grade. For more information, call 358-4320.
- **Patriot Elementary School** serves children in kindergarten through fifth grade. For more information, call 382-1460.
- **Mountainside Elementary** serves kindergarten through fifth grade. For more information, call 382-1430.
- **Abrams Elementary** serves kindergarten through fifth grade. For more information, call 382-1490.
- **Fort Carson Middle School** serves sixth through eighth grade. For more information, call 382-1610.
- High school students are transported by school bus to **Fountain-Fort Carson High School** in Fountain. For more information, call 382-1640.

Several school districts serve the communities surrounding Fort Carson:

- **Colorado Springs School District 11** (north of post), 520-2000
- **Cheyenne Mountain School District 12** (northwest of post), 475-6100
- **Harrison School District 2** (north of post), 579-2000
- **Widefield School District 3** (east of post), 391-3000
- **Falcon School District 49** (northeast of post and Colorado Springs), 495-3601

- **Academy School District 20** (north of post in northern Colorado Springs), 260-0604
- **Manitou Springs School District 14** (west of post and Colorado Springs), 685-2024

There are also many private and charter schools in the area. For more information, contact the Fort Carson School Liaison Office, building 1518, Prussman Boulevard, or call 526-1101.

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES (CYS), YOUTH EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Kindergarten through 12th grade and post-secondary school liaison services can assist Families with public, private or home school issues. Located in building 1518, Youth Education Support Services has information concerning Colorado Springs, El Paso County and Pueblo County schools; surrounding community schools; private schools; home-school information; and scholarship and post-secondary education information. For details, call 526-4255 or 526-1101.

CYS Youth Education Liaison Services offers youth sponsorship training and the Youth Sponsorship Council. The liaisons also provide home-school programming and support the Youth Action Council, permanent change of station and grade advancement transition assistance as well as post-secondary education preparation information. CYS Liaison Education and Outreach Services provides information on all schools serving Fort Carson including those off post. They also provide information on transitioning from one district to another and between elementary



and middle school, and middle and high school. For more information, call 526-1101.

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

Fort Carson Child and Youth Services provides a variety of programs and services to children ages 6 weeks to 18 years. Programs and services are based upon the growth and development of children and meet national and Army standards. Regardless of the program, length of stay or age of child/youth, the service is based upon age-appropriate practices. Information and registration for any Child and Youth Services program is at building 1518. Registration is free. Call 516-1101 for information.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Registration for any Child and Youth Services program consists of full-day services for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years and hourly care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The part-day preschool program is for children ages 3 to 5. Morning and afternoon sessions are available Monday-Friday. Registration for all CYS programs is in building 1518; call 526-1101 for information.

The Child Development Centers on the installation are as follows:

- **The East Child Development Center**, in building 6058 on the corner of Nelson and Martinez, provides full-day services only. The center is open Monday-Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **The West Child Development Center**, at building 6060 on Coleman, provides full-day care services. The center is open Monday-Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Cheyenne Mountain Child Development Center** is in building 6203 on Harr Avenue just south of the main Fort Carson entrance at Gate 1. Cheyenne Mountain CDC provides full-day child care, before and after kindergarten care. It houses children ages 6 weeks to kindergarten and is open Monday-Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Monarch Child Development Center**, building 2764 is on Womack Street near Gate 20. It is a full-day child care center and serves children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. The center is open 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- **Ivy Child Development Center**, building 1840, is on the Resiliency campus near Prussman and Specker avenues. The Ivy CDC provides full-day and hourly services. The center is open 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- **Aspen Child Development Center**, building 4356, is a 160-capacity center that houses both child care and school age programs. Aspen CDC provides full-day, kindergarten and part-day preschool spaces to better serve parents. The center is open 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- **Timberline Multi-functional CDC** is on the corner of Ware and Ellis streets and, when operating, will serve up to 26 children for hourly child care.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Army certified Family Child Care homes are available on and off the installation. FCC providers offer age-appropriate activities in a

home-like environment. The small group size allows children to develop close relationships with caregivers and other children.

The FCC program offers full-day, part-time, part-day and hourly care. Overnight, weekend and extended care (up to 14 days) are available for single and dual military parents. This care is also available for military and civilian working couples and for single civilian patrons. The care is for mission-related duty or with a documented civilian work schedule. The FCC office is in building 1518. Registration for all CYS programs is in building 1518; call 526-1101 for information.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The kindergarten program includes a before- and after-school day care service for kindergarten children. Transportation is provided from the center to on-post schools. Services are provided in Cheyenne Mountain CDC, building 6203, and Aspen CDC, building 4356. Both programs are open 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. A summer day camp program is also operated to provide full-day care for kindergarteners during the summer months. Registration for all CYS programs is in building 1518; call 526-1101 for information.

SCHOOL AGE SERVICES

Before- and after-school programs for youths in first through fifth grades are provided at two facilities on Fort Carson: Patriot SAC in building 6204 on Harr Avenue just south of the main Fort Carson entrance at Gate 1 and Mesa SAC in building 4790 across the street from Abrams Elementary School. The Patriot and Mesa School Age centers are open Monday-Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Transportation is provided to and from on-post schools. Full-day services are available for school out day. Boys and Girls Club programs and 4-H are incorporated into School Age Services programming. Full-day camps are available during school breaks. Children registered with CYS may participate in BGCA and 4H programming free of charge for up to 10 hours per month. Contact Mesa or Patriot SAC for details. Registration for all Child and Youth Services programs is in building 1518; call 526-1101 for information.

YOUTH CENTER

The Youth Center is on the corner of Ware Street and Normandy Road in building 5950. The center offers a variety of programs and special events for middle- and high-school youths. Programming includes sports, fitness



and health options; life skills; citizenship; leadership opportunities; arts; recreation; and leisure activities.

The Youth Center offers after-school programs for middle school youths and teens. The after-school program is free for registered youth. Registration for all CYS programs is in building 1518; call 526-1101 for information.

SPORTS & FITNESS

The child and youth sports and fitness program provides recreational and educational programs that are fun, safe and nurturing. Participants are given an opportunity to learn and experience the fundamentals of sports, fitness and a variety of team and individual activities. Motor skill development aids younger children, fitness opportunities abound for middle and high school students and a child/youth nutrition and health program serves the needs for all.

Character education is a key component of the sports, fitness and nutrition program that encourages fair play, responsibility, good sportsmanship and respect.

Registration for all CYS programs is in building 1518; call 526-1100/1101 for information.

MOBILIZATION AND DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT

During mobilization and deployment, CYS provides free child care support for Families who are eligible to receive deployment benefits



with CYS. Information and registration for any CYS program is at building 1518. Call 516-1101 for information.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Fort Carson Directorate of Emergency (DES) provides professional Emergency Services and Installation Access Control to the Fort Carson military community in order to create a safe and secure environment for the Best Hometown in the Army.

For all police, fire and medical emergencies, immediately call 911. To report all non-emergent crimes or incidents, call 526-2333 or report to the Fort Carson Police Desk, at building 2700, Christie Street.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS)

Army Community Service invites active-duty military, their Families, retirees and Department of the Army civilians into a world of education, opportunity and discovery. ACS offers services that promote self-reliance, resiliency and stability during war and peace. Its programs and classes are designed to fit a diverse and mobile community.

The ACS Center, on the corner of Specker Avenue and Flint Street in building 1526, is a fully accredited state-of-the-art facility that contains the following core programs: Army Volunteer Corps (AVC); Family Enrichment; Mobilization and Deployment; Employment Readiness; Financial Readiness; Army Emergency Relief; Mayoral; Community Information, Referral and Follow-up; Soldier and Family Readiness; Exceptional Family Member; and Relocation Readiness. Limited weekday child care is available for use by ACS volunteers and participants attending ACS functions for children registered with CYS — reservations must be made in advance. Stop by and see all that ACS has to offer. For more information, call 526-4590.

For the latest information on current programs, connect with ACS at: www.carson.army.mil/acs, Facebook – Fort Carson Army Community Service, Twitter – FortCarsonACS and Instagram – Fort Carson ACS.





ACS ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS (AVC)

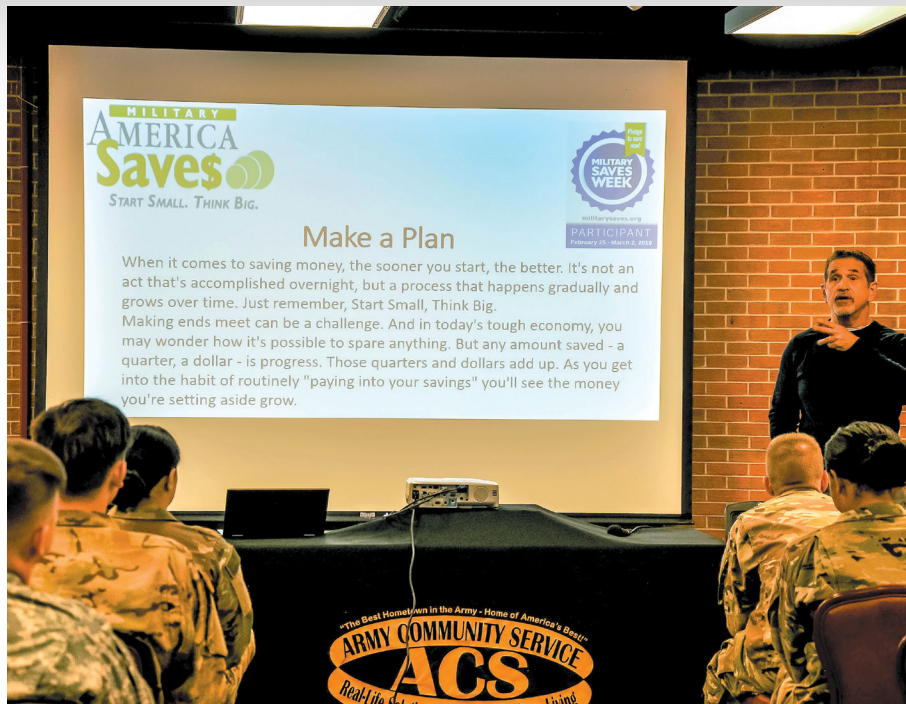
The Fort Carson Army Volunteer Corps can connect community members with volunteer opportunities throughout the installation and community. Volunteering allows community members to meet new people in interesting and varied settings and enables them to grow personally while gaining a sense of accomplishment. Army Community Service has a place for people to contribute to the community, learn new skills, meet others, make new friends and plan out their future career paths. Volunteer opportunities are varied and can meet diverse interests such as administrative, teaching classes, welcoming new Families and helping others find employment. For more information, call 526-1082 or 526-8303.

ACS FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (FEP)

FEP is composed of Army Family Team Building and Army Family Action Plan.

Army Family Team Building is a series of training modules taught through the local ACS office that cover topics such as Army knowledge, personal growth skills and leadership skills. AFTB improves personal and Family preparedness which enhances overall Army readiness and helps all members of America's Army adapt to a changing world. To sign up for classes, call 526-4590.

The Army Family Action Plan is a quality-of-life process that allows members of the total Army Family to identify and recommend solutions to issues that affect the quality of life of the Total Army family. An installation level conference is held at Fort Carson annually. Members of the Total Army Community



become involved in the AFAP conference by serving as delegates, volunteer facilitators, recorders and administrative assistants. For more information, call 526-4590.

ACS MOBILIZATION AND DEPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program provides assistance to Soldiers (active duty, Reserve, National Guard) and their Families. The Family Readiness Program assists units and their Families in preparing for deployment. Operation READY predeployment briefings are scheduled through individual units. For more information or to schedule a briefing, call 526-0458/4590.

Family Readiness Group Leader and Rear Detachment Training are conducted on a regularly scheduled basis. Training ensures leadership is prepared for the challenges that may arise due to mobilization and deployments. For more information or to register for training, call 526-1393/4590.

ACS MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE COUNSELORS (MFLC) PROGRAM

The Military and Family Life Counselors program provides confidential, licensed and experienced mental health professionals trained on military Family-specific topics regarding the

deployment cycle, military culture and reintegration. The counselors assist with problem solving and life skills. For more information, call 526-4590.

ACS EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM (ERP)

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program provides assistance and self-development workshops to military Families. ACS understands the mobile lifestyle of the military community and the effects and restrictions it has on Army spouses or dependents searching for employment and career advancements. This program is designed to assist the military Family in finding and securing employment. Information is available on civil service (appropriated fund employment); nonappropriated fund employment in recreation facilities, child care and other areas; government agencies including state, city and county; contract positions within Fort Carson and the community; and local companies in the surrounding communities.

Employment Readiness also offers a variety of self-development workshops, training, counseling, career assessments, seminars and job fairs. Information is also available on local colleges, universities, educational programs (MYCAA) and scholarships. For more information, call 524-3816 or 526-4590.





ACS FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM (FRP)

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program provides free professional financial counseling. Services include:

- Budget counseling
- Debt management
- Credit counseling
- Financial planning and investment options
- Personal finance seminars and classes
- Screening and registration for federal, state, county and city assistance programs
- Assistance with consumer complaints and resolution of issues concerning local businesses
- Free CARFAX reports (used vehicle history)
- Home-buying and foreclosure information

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 526-4590. To register for a class, call 526-8747

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF (AER)

Army Emergency Relief provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers (active and retired), and their Family members, when there is an established need. Assistance is available for food, rent, utilities, emergency travel, vehicle repair and funeral expenses. AER also gives undergraduate education scholarships, based primarily on financial need, to children of active-duty and retired Soldiers. AER cannot help pay for nonessential items; finance ordinary leave or vacation; pay fines or legal expenses; help liquidate or consolidate debt; assist with home purchases or improvements; help purchase, rent or lease vehicles; cover bad checks; or pay credit card debt. All requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

If AER assistance is needed after hours, call the American Red Cross at 877-272-7337.

ACS RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM (RELO)

Not sure how to move? Need more information on where you are going? If so, the ACS Relocation Readiness Program is here to assist you. The program will provide the resources to make an informed relocation decision. Available services vary from outbound consultations (individual or Family) to relocation-related educational classes to welcome packets to sponsorship training to an alternate language program. To assist Families separated from their loved ones, ACS offers a Waiting Families Program. For more information, call 526-1053.

ACS MULTICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The ACS Multicultural Support Program is designed to assist foreign-born Family members and Soldiers with services varying from everyday to immigration and naturalization.

Assistance is available with citizenship paperwork, permanent resident card paperwork, petitions for Family members to come to the United States and much more. Multicultural Meet-Up groups (German and Spanish) meet on a regular basis. If interested in establishing



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a Meet-Up, contact the Multicultural Support Program for assistance. For information on any multicultural services, call 526-4590 and ask to speak with someone from the Relocation Readiness Program.

ACS COMMUNITY INFORMATION, REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM

Looking for information and resources? If so, the staff can link you to local, state and federal services. As the initial point of contact when you enter an ACS facility, our staff is ready to provide a helping hand. For more information, call 526-4590.

ACS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL (CPC)

The mission of the ACS Warrior Family Community Partnership is to integrate existing systems of support and services to Fort Carson Soldiers and their Families to assure an optimal quality of life while fulfilling their mission to our nation. Opportunities for Soldiers and Families can be found online through the program's Slick Deals for Soldiers and Families. The CPC meets quarterly on Fort Carson and is designed to provide strategic communication between Fort Carson and Colorado Front Range community members, allowing for themed discussion communicating current priorities of Fort Carson and round table discussion from community partners. The council provides an opportunity for community partners to interface with Fort Carson leadership, exchange information with each other, and present events/ideas to Fort Carson for

visibility and support. For more information, call 719-526-0300.

ACS EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP)

The Exceptional Family Member Program is designed to assist military personnel agencies in making assignments for the Soldier,

accompanied by Family members as often as possible. The EFMP works together with other military and civilian agencies to provide a comprehensive and coordinated multiagency approach for community support, housing, medical, educational and personnel services to Families with special needs. Enrollment into the EFMP works to ensure that needed services are available at the gaining installation before the military personnel office (Human Resources Command - HRC) assigns the Soldier to that new duty location.

An exceptional Family member is a Family member, regardless of age, with any physical, emotional, developmental or intellectual disorder that requires special treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling. The program applies to the following Soldiers: active Army; U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers in the USAR Active Guard Reserve Program (mobilized and deployed Soldiers are not eligible for enrollment in the EFMP); and Army National Guard AGR personnel serving under authority of Title 10, United States Code and Title 32, United States Code.

EFMP enrollment allows assignment managers at Army personnel agencies the opportunity





to consider the documented medical and special education needs of the EFM in the assignment process. When possible, the Soldier is assigned to an area where the medical and educational needs of his/her EFM can be met. This depends on a valid personnel requirement for the Soldier's grade, specialty and eligibility for the tour as well as current assignment priorities. All Soldiers are eligible for worldwide assignments, regardless of EFMP status. It is important to understand that a Soldier can be "nominated" for a specific assignment at any time. This is why it is crucial to have the Family member EFMP enrollment up to date at all times.

The Fort Carson ACS EFMP office provides assistance with identification of exceptional family members; information and referral; linkage with disability-specific support groups and recreational activities; advocacy (assignment, housing, school, etc.); relocation (both incoming and outgoing); community support assistance, resources and systems navigation; appropriate placement of children with life threatening conditions, functional limitations or behavioral/psychological conditions into CYSS programs; and respite care services for qualifying families.

For questions, concerns, referrals, etc., contact the ACS EFMP team at 526-4590.

ACS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Army Community Service Outreach Program identifies family support program requirements within the community. It coordinates and implements comprehensive outreach initiatives designed to facilitate the delivery of existing services and develop new services based on the results of annual needs assessments. Such initiatives may include: one-on-one home visits for isolated Families, exported outreach services to off-post housing locations, satellite centers and other locations and events. For more information, call 526-4590.

ACS SOLDIER AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER (SFAC)

The SFAC is a relaxed environment with dedicated staff providing individualized, integrated support services to wounded, ill or injured Warriors and their Families. The SFAC is at 1481 Titus Blvd. in building 7492.

The SFAC provides assistance with financial counseling, employment, education, benefits counseling and community programs. For more information, call 526-5807.



ACS SOLDIER AND FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM (SFRP)

The Army Community Service Soldier and Family Readiness Program promotes individual, couple and family wellness by offering a comprehensive program that includes awareness, education and support to prevent family violence. Classes are offered to commanders, troops, professionals, Families and the community. Prevention and support services include: the New Parent Support Program; child safety education; nurturing programs; single parent support, playgroup; infant massage; Cooperative Parenting and Divorce; Boot Camp for New Dads; Boot Camp for New Moms; Baby Sign; Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program; marriage workshops; various life-skills seminars; and the Victim Advocacy Program. A victim advocate is a person who is there to help support victims in making decisions to promote safety. An advocate will walk with the victim through the various stages that may be involved in their case. The goal of advocacy is to support and empower victims to make their own decisions. The 24-hour victim advocate cell phone number is 719-243-7907. For more information, call 526-0461/4590.

ACS SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)

Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things anyone can go through. The Army Community Service Survivor Outreach Services connects survivors with people who can help them move forward and find strength, to

include a financial counselor and a support coordinator. Many times after losing a loved one, there are unresolved issues or questions that may surface months or years after the loss. SOS staff understands new issues and questions may surface long after the Casualty Assistance Officer has concluded his duty. SOS is in the Survivor Outreach Services Center on Mekong Street, in building 6215. For more information, call 526-2069 or 526-4590.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross at Fort Carson has two offices. The main office is on the first floor of Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation in building 1217, room 114, on the corner of Ellis Street and Specker Avenue. The telephone number is 526-2311. The volunteer office is at Evans Army Community Hospital, building 7500, room 1033. The telephone number is 526-7144. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Services include: Emergency communication in the event of a critical accident, illness or death in a servicemember's immediate family; the Red Cross should be notified at once. The Red Cross will verify the situation and relay emergency leave requests, if necessary, to the proper military authorities. It is up to commanding officers to decide whether to grant leave. For assistance, call the Services to Armed Forces Center at 877-272-7337. When an emergency arises that requires the presence of the servicemember or his or her Family, the Red Cross may provide access to an



interest-free loan or grant for travel expenses. These funds are made available by the military aid societies. They may be authorized for other emergencies as well and are disbursed on the basis of need. Referrals to specialized sources of help are also available to servicemembers and their Families. This service is provided on behalf of Army Emergency Relief after duty hours.

Volunteer services: Many volunteer opportunities are available including service at Evans Army Community Hospital, post dental clinics, main office or local chapter. Disaster assistance and CPR/first aid courses are provided by Pikes Peak Chapter. Call 632-3563. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

These Red Cross services and more are available to servicemembers and their Families 24/7. For more information about the Red Cross, call 526-2311 or reach the Pikes Peak Chapter at 632-3563. Visit the website at <http://www.redcross.org> or <http://www.pparc.org>.

SOLDIER FOR LIFE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SFL-TAP)

The Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) is in building 6237. SFL-TAP conducts congressionally mandated initial individual counseling and pre-separation briefings for transitioning Soldiers. SFL-TAP also coordinates mandated classes. Building on the congressionally mandated courses and requirements, SFL-TAP also offers a full range of advanced transitional courses such as federal resume, advanced resume, interview techniques and social networking. SFL-TAP career counselors work one-on-one with separating Soldiers and their Family members on job searches, resumes and

career guidance. SFL-TAP provides networking opportunities with veteran-ready employers by hosting job fairs, community panels and employer outreach events. The SFL-TAP Center features a client computer lab with internet access and a library of transition-related reference materials. The center is open 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For further information about SFL-TAP and upcoming events or to register for SFL-TAP services or schedule appointments, call 719-526-1001/1002.

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

The DPW is in building 1219, 1626 Evans Street, between Specker Avenue and Wetzel Street near the intersection of Ellis Street. DPW programs operating out of a different location are listed by building number and street name. The 526-, 524- and 503- Fort Carson phone numbers fall under the 719 area code.

Above Ground Storage Tanks (AST), 526-9411. The DPW Environmental Division AST Program staff manages all convaults that store used oil, diesel and gas on the installation. The program's responsibilities include monthly inspections and tracking ullage records. Operators/users are responsible for all operations and maintenance activities on ASTs.

Air Program, 524-1254. The DPW Environmental Division Air Program aims to achieve flexible permitting conditions to sustain the military mission without compromising air quality for the region by assisting Soldiers and civilians in acquiring new products that do not negatively impact the local air quality, as well as constantly reassessing ways to reduce overall air emissions.

Arms Room Inspections, 526-3537. Contact the DPW Engineering Division to schedule an arms room inspection.

Army Barracks Management Program (ABMP) replaced the First Sergeants Barracks Program 2020 (FSBP 2020). Headquarters Department of the Army published an ABMP Executive Order with an effective date of February 1, 2018. For more information about the program, and to obtain reference materials, contact the DPW Housing Division at 526-2643 or 526-9709.

Army Family Housing (on post) Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC), LLC. Army Family housing on Fort Carson is owned and operated by BBC, which is at 6800 Prussman Boulevard in the Joel Hefley Community Center. For information on applying for on-post housing, contact the BBC Management Office at 719-579-1606 or online at <http://www.fortcarsonfamilyhomes.com>.

Asbestos, Lead and Toxics Program, 526-1725. The DPW Environmental Division manages the Asbestos, Lead and Toxics Program. There are asbestos-containing building materials throughout most of the older buildings on Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. Additionally, some facilities may have lead-based paint, naturally occurring radon and polychlorinated biphenyls. The DPW protects the environment while ensuring that there are no exposures to Soldiers, dependents or civilians.

Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC) LLC/ Army Family Housing (on post). Army Family housing on Fort Carson is owned and operated by BBC at 6800 Prussman Boulevard in the Joel Hefley Community Center. For information on applying for on-post housing, contact the BBC Management Office at 719-579-1606 or online at <http://www.fortcarsonfamilyhomes.com>.

Central Vehicle Wash Facility (CVWF), at the south end of the cantonment area off Magrath Avenue, 526-3820 or 719-896-6237. Units are required to use the CVWF to wash vehicles rather than motor pool wash racks unless the CVWF is not operational or closed. Fort Carson saves an estimated 60 to 70 million gallons of water a year by the use of the CVWF through the filtration and reuse of water in the system. Only minor additions of water are needed to make up for evaporation. The use of tactical equipment maintenance facility wash racks is for maintenance cleaning only and requires hoses with a positive shutoff nozzle. Hours for the CVWF are Monday-Friday,



9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., year-round. Contact the CVWF to set up a time to wash vehicles by calling 526-3820 or 719-896-6237. (Note: If a unit wash rack is leaking, call in a service order to 526-5345 for repair.)

Certificates of Nonavailability (CNA), building 1225, Evans Street, 526-9413. The DPW Housing Division is responsible for and manages requests for CNAs for Fort Carson. Soldiers can contact the Unaccompanied Housing (UH) Office to obtain UH and CNA information.

Cultural Resources Program, 526-4484 (Fort Carson) or 503-6136 (Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site). The DPW Environmental Division Cultural Resources Program ensures compliance with historic preservation laws, mandates and regulations, while simultaneously facilitating the garrison support missions.

Custodial Services, 526-6670. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division manages the custodial services contract. Contact the DPW contracting officer representative at 526-6670 for questions about custodial services.

Dig permits — see Utilities section.

Dumpster Services, 719-491-0218. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division manages the refuse dumpster services contract. Contact the DPW contracting officer representative at 719-491-0218 for questions about ordering, size, etc., of dumpsters.

Energy and Water Conservation, 526-4320. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division manages the energy efficiency and water conservation programs. Areas of emphasis include building metering and automation, education and facility courtesy audits.

Environmental Compliance Assessment Team (ECAT), 524-3534. The DPW Environmental Division ECAT mission is to provide support to units, garrison directorates and tenants as they relate to environmental compliance and management. The ECAT assesses all facilities in concert with unit Environmental Protection Officers (EPOs) in order to protect the installation from unnecessary fines and environmental violations by assessing facilities on an annual, biannual, quarterly and monthly basis.

Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) Certification Training, 526-8893. The DPW Environmental Division provides environmental awareness training to individuals assigned in areas where programs are inspected for compliance with environmental regulations and standards.

Facility Assignments and Transfers (by appointment only), 526-1745. The DPW Master Planning Division has a step-by-step process in place for the assignment of facility space on Fort Carson, in accordance with Fort Carson Regulation 420-14.

Facility Management Program, 526-4320. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division trains Soldiers and civilians on all aspects of facility management. Registration for the DPW Facility Management Class is scheduled through the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security - Individual Military Training (Troop Schools), 526-5436.

Forestry Program (Urban), 526-1667. The installation arborist maintains the urban forest (cantonment area) and provides information to the DPW operations and maintenance contractor to assist the contractor in focusing on sustainability concepts of urban forest management for the benefit the Fort Carson Community.

Forestry Program (Down Range), 526-1667. The Forestry Program manages to sustain healthy and resilient forest structures by using natural processes guided by an ecosystem-based management approach. The proper use of natural processes enable a more resilient forest resource to guard against catastrophic wildland fire, insect and disease issues and to provide high quality training lands for our current and future Army missions. The Forestry Program also provides low-cost firewood to the local community (call for availability).

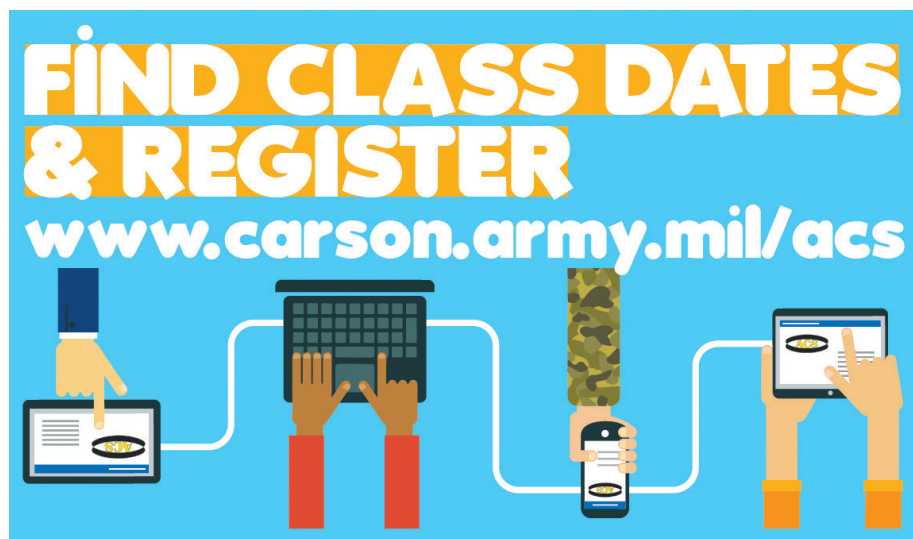
Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, off Butts Road, 526-0980. The DPW

Environmental Division manages a Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, which handles hazardous waste for units and activities on Fort Carson. Call for an appointment if a large quantity is expected for turn in.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility (El Paso County), 3255 Akers Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80922, 719-520-7878. Fort Carson residents can dispose of a variety of household hazardous waste at the El Paso County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. For information about which household hazardous waste products the county accepts and disposal dates and times, visit <https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/environmental-division/household-hazardous-waste>.

Housing Services Office (HSO), building 1225, Evans Street, 526-2323 or 526-2322. The DPW Housing Division HSO provides Soldiers and Families the following services: one-on-one support in locating adequate, affordable and available housing; rentals and for sale listings; complaint mediation; and welcome packets that supply basic information about local communities, local Base Allowance for Housing (BAH) rates, school information, maps and other housing-related information.

Installation Restoration Program, 526-8001. The DPW Environmental Division Installation Restoration Program has an ongoing commitment to the cleanup and restoration of past and present contaminated sites on Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. Such sites include impacts from formerly leaking underground storage tanks, various releases of contaminants and non-active landfills that





all require remediation. Prior to conducting any digging activity, submit a dig permit. (See Utilities section)

Invasive Species, 526-1692. The DPW Environmental Division is responsible for an integrated management approach to invasive species (including noxious weeds) and pest management at Fort Carson and the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. This program provides coordination, education, mapping, control and monitoring of invasive species. For issues with common weeds such as dandelions and weeds in the managed turf areas, red rock, xeriscape ornamental and rights of way areas, see the Weeds section. On the installation, herbicides can only be applied by DOD-registered licensed applicators or personnel trained through the DPW operations and maintenance contractor weed supervisor who can be reached at 719-896-6864.

Keys and Locks, building 1225, Evans Street, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 526-5345. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division oversees the operations and maintenance contract, which handles all requests for key replacements and issues relating to locks for unit and civilian real property facilities.

Latrines, Portable, 524-0786. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division manages the portable latrine contract. This contract supports military training and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation functions

by providing latrines at Fort Carson and down range. This contract does not pertain to Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site areas, grey water removal or hand-washing stations. Individuals assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson Garrison and tenant units can access SharePoint to submit latrine requests at: <https://dpwportal.carson.army.mil/welcome/OM/DLR/SitePages/Home.aspx>. If requestors are unable access SharePoint, they can email the contracting officer representative for portable latrines at usarmy.carson.imcom-central.list.DPW-Latrines@mail.mil to receive latrine information and forms.

Mapping, Floor Plan Services and GPS, 526-9906, 524-1085 or 526-0641. The DPW Engineering Division Installation Geospatial Information Systems (IGIS) Office provides installation mapping, utility mapping, facility floor plans and surveying services. These services include standard or custom Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping, Computer Aided Design (CAD) support or Global Positioning Systems (GPS). Customers are asked to allow three business days for the completion of a mapping or floor plan request. For more information, call 526-9906, 524-1085 or 526-0641, visit building 1219, room 165 or email requests to: usarmy.carson.imcom-central.list.dpw-mapping-support@mail.mil.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 526-4666. The NEPA requires all federal agencies to assess environmental impacts of proposed activities. The DPW

Environmental Division manages NEPA actions for Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. To assist with determining documentation requirements and coordination necessary to go forward with the activity, contact the NEPA Program Manager.

Pest Management, 526-5141. Facility pest control at Fort Carson is performed under contract. Occupants may request pest control service by placing a call to 526-5141 and leaving a detailed voicemail. The contractor has five business days to respond. The DPW operations and maintenance contractor provides a Self-help Wasp Control Program 719-896-6864. Feral or stray dogs and cats can be directed to the Provost Marshals Office by calling 526-2333. If there is an urgent pest issue, call the Installation Pest Management Coordinator at 526-1692 or 719-217-4887. On the installation, pesticides can only be applied by DOD-registered licensed applicators or personnel trained through the Weed Control Self-help Program (see Weeds section).

Pollution Prevention, 526-4340. The DPW Environmental Division Pollution Prevention (P2) Program can provide assistance with parts washers, P2 project suggestions, environmental training and program assistance.

Propane Services, 524-3100. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division manages the propane services contract. Contact the DPW contracting officer representative at 524-3100 for questions about propane requirements and refills.

Recycling Program, 719-491-0218. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division maintains an active Recycle Program to help with the installation's goal to reduce waste.

Fort Carson maintains a full-service recycle drop-off location at the southeast corner of the Exchange on Sheridan Avenue. The Exchange recycle location is open Monday-Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. An attendant is available to provide recycling assistance.

The Exchange site accepts cardboard, mixed paper (white paper, newspaper, magazines, shredded paper, junk mail, etc.), aluminum, tin, plastic, glass, non-accountable/expendable metals and ink and laser printer cartridges. Customers can also bring the following non-traditional items for recycling:

- Electronics, including computers, cell phones, DVD players, TVs and other devices. There is a limit of one CRT TV or one flat screen TV accepted per family. (Only personal, non-government, electronics will be accepted.)





- Porcelain (remove hardware and rubber gaskets)
- Mattresses (not box springs)
- Batteries

There are also two primary recycle collection points for cardboard, mixed paper (white paper, newspaper, magazines, shredded paper, junk mail, etc.) aluminum, tin and plastic at the following locations:

- Wolf Dining Facility parking lot (location also accepts glass)
- Specker Avenue and Long Street parking east of the Education Center

Note that these recycle locations cannot be used to dispose of household trash. (The Exchange drop-off location does accept limited furniture and household hazardous waste.)

The Fort Carson Recycle Program also accepts unit scrap metal and wood products, including pallets, packing and crating and clean construction lumber. Painted, varnished or treated lumber, rail ties, stumps, tree trimmings or furniture of any type cannot be recycled; however, units can contact the DPW Recycle and Refuse manager at 719-491-0218 for assistance with disposing of these items as trash.

Fort Carson conducts single stream recycling operations to barracks and motorpools to increase recycling user friendliness. Single stream recycling refers to commingling recyclables in one collection container for separation later. Once the totes are full, Soldiers empty the contents into large single stream dumpsters positioned outside of unit barracks and motorpool buildings for ease of collection

by the Recycle Program staff. To request single stream totes or an outside dumpster, call 719-491-0218.

Civilian administrative facilities have source separate recycling in place, which refers to separating recyclable materials by commodity type, such as plastic, metal, paper, glass and cardboard, for collection by the Recycle Program staff. Collection containers in civilian organizations are serviced by recycle staff on a recurring basis. To request a recycle station

for a building, or for individual office recycle collection bins, call 719-491-0218.

For questions concerning recycling at Fort Carson, call 719-491-0218.

Recycling in Family Housing: On-post housing residents receive 96-gallon, single-stream recycling totes as well as a waste disposal bin for home use. Residents can call BBC at 719-579-1606, ext. 211, for waste disposal assistance.

Refuse Services, 719-491-0218. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division require every effort to be made to divert recyclable materials from the waste stream. For refuse service or container requests, call 719-491-0218.

Self-Help Program — see Facility Management Program section.

Service Contracts. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division provides a multitude of services by contract, including custodial services, refuse collection, portable latrines, etc. The points of contact for Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site are listed below:

Portable latrines.....	524-0786
Custodial.....	526-6670
Pest management.....	526-5141
Elevator repairs	526-5345
Propane	524-3100
Refuse/recycle.....	526-1695
PCMS propane	524-3100
PCMS refuse.....	526-1695





The DPW operations and maintenance contractor, contracting officer representative can be reached by calling, 524-0191.

Service Orders, building 1225, Evans Street, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 526-5345. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division's primary responsibility is the maintenance and repair of permanent, fixed structures, called real property, such as buildings, roads, sidewalks, streetlights, grounding points and utility distribution systems. Service orders are processed for the routine maintenance or repair of real property through the DPW operations and maintenance contractor.

Signs, building 1225, Evans Street, 526-5345. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division operations and maintenance contractor handles all installation facility signage requests (for example, building identification and building numbers), including parking signs and regulatory traffic signs. All signs not provided by DPW are the responsibility of the customer. For more information, or to request a sign, call 526-5345.

Spill Control, 526-0973. The DPW Environmental Division Spill Coordinator is responsible for coordinating management of all spills that occur on post to ensure environmental compliance. As the first spill responder, the Fort Carson Fire Department relies on the expertise of the Environmental Division compliance team. The Environmental Division augments the Fort Carson Fire Department efforts. The team helps in mitigation and advising units and activities on cleanup procedures and reporting requirements for spills.

Snow Removal, 526-6670. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division, operations and maintenance contractor manages snow-removal efforts. Snow removal and

deicing operations are based on command guidance and available resources.

Stormwater Management Program, 526-1697. The DPW Environmental Division is responsible for ensuring compliance with stormwater permit requirements. Analysis conducted by the program also assists in determining flood hazards to personnel and buildings on Fort Carson and is a quantitative reference for required permitting and regulation compliance in the management of Fort Carson's surface water resources.

Traffic Engineering, 526-9267. The DPW Engineering Division manages on-post traffic project planning, traffic signal operations and traffic sign management. Traffic Engineering also serves as a liaison between Fort Carson and various civilian transportation agencies for off-post traffic projects and issues affecting the installation.

Trash — see Refuse Services section.

Underground Storage Tanks (UST), 526-9411. The DPW Environmental Division UST Program manages all underground storage tanks, which supply Fort Carson with fuel from the AAFES service stations on post. This process includes, but is not limited to, the paying of fees, compliance management, inspection and training on all aspects of UST management.

Unit Sponsorship Program, building 1225 off Evans Street, 526-4388 (POC Housing Division NCOIC). The DPW Housing Division manages the Garrison Commander's Unit Sponsorship Program. Under the program, various installation units — battalions and brigades — sponsor a particular on-post housing village and partner with the village mayor and a Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC) LLC leasing agent.

Utilities (utility locates, dig permits, electric, power outages, sewer-related issues, gas and water use/hydrants), 526-9243. The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division's operations and maintenance contractor provides permits supporting all utility outages, utility locates and traffic diversions. The dig permit office is in building 8010 and can be reached by calling 719-302-0157. The dig permit office is "one stop shopping" for obtaining dig permits and can assist with utility outage requests. Prior to submitting a dig permit, a Work Request (DA Form 4283) must be completed and approved through the DPW Business Operations and Integration Division Work Management Branch. (See Work Request Section.) Permits for construction water and fire hydrant use can be obtained in building 1219, room 127. Call 526-2927 for information about permits.

Water Quality Program, 526-1730. The DPW Environmental Division manages the Water Quality Program for the installation. Fort Carson receives its drinking water from Colorado Springs Utilities. Colorado Springs Utilities maintains an extensive testing program that assures full compliance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. In addition, the DPW operations and maintenance contractor performs routine supplementary testing for chlorine levels, coliform contamination and chlorination byproducts on the drinking water distribution system with the goal of providing water that is safe to drink for all Fort Carson consumers. Lead and copper testing is conducted on water samples collected from family housing and facilities throughout the installation on an annual basis. Schools and child development centers are tested for lead on a five-year schedule.

Weeds, 526-5345. Weed control at Fort Carson is performed under contract by the DPW operations and maintenance contractor or through the Weed Control Self-help Program 719-896-6864. Contracted weed control is generally limited to the managed turf areas, red rock, xeriscape, ornamental and rights of way areas. Occupants may request weed control service by placing a call to 526-5345. Most other areas are not covered are controlled through use of the Weed Control Self-help Program or DPW Environmental Division. On the installation, herbicides can only be applied by DOD-registered licensed applicators or personnel trained through the Self-Help Program. For information on this program, call



the Installation Pest Management Coordinator at 526-1692.

Wetlands Program, 526-1685. The DPW Environmental Division manages both jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional wetlands at Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. Wetlands management protects wetland values in accordance with numerous federal regulations. Wetlands are directly associated with "Waters of the United States" jurisdictions and may require permits to conduct activities in these areas.

Wildland Fire Program, 526-1696. The DPW Environmental Division promotes a healthy forest community through an integrated management approach to wildfire suppression and prescribed fire on Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. The program focuses on protecting and improving training lands, by using a natural fire regime. The Wildland Fire Program also provides education and outreach to adjoining communities and landowners.

Wildlife Program, 526-8006 or 526-3975 for Fort Carson and 503-6529 or 503-6538 for Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS). The DPW Environmental Division Wildlife Program at Fort Carson and PCMS works to maximize access to Army land, air and water resources for military training while ensuring that the biological diversity of natural resources entrusted to the Army is sustained for training,

education, recreation and other compatible uses. This sustainability is achieved by way of inventory and monitoring, scientific research and adaptive management. The Wildlife Program also manages and seeks to improve wildlife recreational opportunities, including hunting and fishing, for Soldiers, their families and the public.

Work Requests (Facilities Engineering Work Requests, DA Form 4283), 526-6112. Work Requests are processed through the DPW Business Operations and Integration Division Work Management Branch. Work Orders are typically for maintenance and repair projects over the limits of a service order or for any new construction requirements.

LEGAL SERVICES

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate provides two primary services for Soldiers and their Families. The first is the Army Legal Assistance Program, and the second is the Army Claims Program. The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is in building 6222 on Mekong Street. For information, call 526-5572.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The Fort Carson Legal Assistance Office is available to all Soldiers, Family members and retirees. Services include preparation of wills, powers of attorney, name changes and step-child adoptions. The office also offers



counseling and provides advice for individuals dealing with landlord/tenant, family law, consumer issues and military administrative matters. The office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Appointments are scheduled by calling on the last duty day of the week at 9 a.m. which is normally a Friday. Walk-in appointments are available starting at 9 a.m. Monday and Thursday. The Legal Assistance Office offers a divorce/separation video briefing and a general question and answer period at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday and 2 p.m. Thursday. Attorneys can provide general information about the divorce process but cannot provide in-court representation in divorce proceedings. However, a referral list of private attorneys is available. Attorneys are not available on Fridays. Notaries and powers of attorney can be performed on a walk-in basis 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 526-5572/5573.

ARMY CLAIMS

The Fort Carson Staff Judge Advocate Claims Office provides assistance to anyone wishing to file a UCMJ Article 139 claim. UCMJ Article 139 provides an administrative mechanism for paying restitution to a victim of property loss or damage from the wrongdoer's military pay. The Claims Office may also provide limited





assistance with filing Personnel Claims Act (PCA) claims, which are now handled by the Army Center for Personnel Claims Support at Fort Knox, Kentucky. PCA claims include household goods moving damage claims, POV storage/shipment claims and other incident to service losses. The Claims Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. The Claims Office is closed on federal and training holidays. For more information, call 526-1355.

ARMY CONTINUING EDUCATION SYSTEM

A full range of educational opportunities is available for Soldiers and adult Family members. Five on-post colleges (Colorado State University-Pueblo; Embry Riddle Aeronautical University; Pikes Peak Community College; Troy University; and University of Colorado, Colorado Springs) offer a wide variety of courses and degree programs on post. Basic Skills Education Program; testing, both Army Personnel Testing and DANTES; learning resource center/computer lab; education counseling; transition counseling and two-day class focusing on education; and In-State Certification for Colorado-state supported academic institutions are also available at the Education Center, building 1117, at the corner of Specker Avenue and Ellis Street. For more information, call 719-526-2124.

ID CARDS AND DEERS

Note: Sponsor has to be present for all DEERS transactions unless a valid power of attorney (POA) is presented.

The Fort Carson Identification Card Section is in building 1039 off Wallace Street. For new marriages, the marriage certificate along with a valid state or federal photo ID and Social Security card are required for new spouses. **NOTE: Under Federal policy, all state and federal identifications require a future expiration date.** Child enrollments require original or certified copy of birth certificate or live birth record along with child's Social Security card, if one has been issued. Military and civilian employees are issued their common access card at the same location. Hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is closed for all federal holidays and is open on training holidays, but with limited staffing. Closed for lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All military Family members of active-duty, retired or deceased Soldiers must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System prior to receiving nonemergency medical care. For more information, call 526-3704.

The Fort Carson ID Card Section offers customers the ability to make appointments for services through a web-based system. Walk-in service is always available, but an appointment may be desirable for those who have

time constraints and want service provided as quickly as possible. The appointment system may be used to schedule issuance and renewal of ID cards as well as DEERS updates. To use the appointment system, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>.

4TH INFANTRY DIVISION MUSEUM

The 4th Infantry Division Museum/Fort Carson Office of Historical Programs is in building 6013, just outside Gate 1, next door to the Visitor Control Center. Hours are Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with last visitors being admitted at 4:45 p.m. The museum is closed Sundays and federal holidays. Tours are available upon request. Call 524-0915 for more information.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Fort Carson offers diversified worship services and religious activities including workshops, religious education for all ages and special ministries. Programs are designed to meet the special needs of Soldiers and the military Family. Services on post include Roman Catholic Masses, Protestant services (Traditional, Contemporary and Gospel/Holiness), Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy and Wiccan gatherings. There is also a Native American Sweat Lodge, using traditional Lakota spiritual ceremonies. An LDS Scripture Study (LDS Institute) is also offered.

Chaplain activities are coordinated through the Religious Support Office, in building 1118, Garrison Headquarters. For more information, call 526-5279.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Saturday Mass

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel..... 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel..... 9 a.m.

Evans Army Community Hospital 11 a.m.

PROTESTANT

Traditional Worship

Healer Chapel..... 9 a.m.

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel..... 11 a.m.

Contemporary Worship (Chapel NeXt)

Veterans Chapel..... 10 a.m.

Gospel

Prussman Chapel..... 11 a.m.

EASTERN ORTHODOX

Provider Chapel

..... 10 a.m. first and third Sundays





JEWISH SERVICES

AFA Jewish Chapel, 719-333-4515

ISLAMIC SERVICES

Contact the Colorado Springs Islamic Society at 719-632-3364

COLORADO WARRIORS SWEAT LODGE

Meets bi-monthly at Turkey Creek Ranch, 719-285-5240

POST CHAPELS

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.....526-5229

Prussman Chapel.....526-0483

Provider Chapel.....526-2359

Veterans Chapel.....526-8889

Healer Chapel.....526-7386

PROVOST MARSHAL

The Fort Carson Police Office operates a proactive program to discourage crime and maintain a high quality of life on post. Crimes, traffic accidents and disturbances should be reported by calling 526-2333. For emergencies, call 911.

CHECK CASHING

The Fort Carson Main Exchange in building 6110 Martinez Street will cash personal checks up to \$300 per day and temporary checks of \$100 per day. Government checks, money orders and cashier's checks in amounts up to \$500 are also cashed. The Fort Carson Main



Exchange accepts Military Star, credit cards and debit cards. For more information on check cashing at the Exchange, call 576-4141.

POST NEWSPAPER

The office of the post newspaper, The Mountaineer, is in room 320, building 1218. The newspaper is published weekly on Friday. The Mountaineer is delivered around post, to Fort Carson housing areas and various locations off

post. Mail subscriptions are available through the publisher at 719-634-5905. The Mountaineer staff seeks stories about Fort Carson Soldiers, civilians, units and Family members. For more information, call 526-4144.

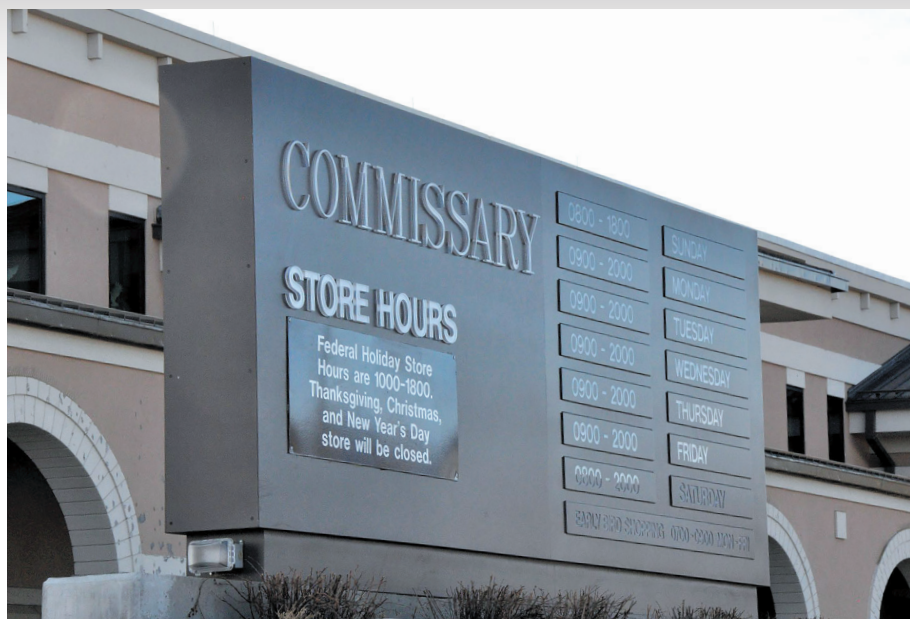
Limited free classified ads are run in The Mountaineer for active-duty and retired Soldiers, Family members and civilian employees of Fort Carson selling their own personal property (no businesses). The Mountaineer staff cannot answer questions on advertising as that is the responsibility of the publisher. For more information on advertising only, both classified and business ads, call the Colorado Springs Military Newspaper Group at 719-634-5905.

An online version of The Mountaineer can be viewed at <http://www.fortcarsonmountaineer.com>.

SHOPPING ON FORT CARSON MAIN EXCHANGE

The Fort Carson Main Exchange is in building 6110 on Martinez Street. It provides customers a variety of services under one roof. It includes the PX 576-4141, Barber Shop 540-9273, Beauty Shop 576-6451, GNC 538-0073, Flower Shop 579-8772, Optometry Shop 368-2446, Things Remembered 576-9478, Military Memorabilia 579-0791, GameStop 226-8092, U.S. Patriot 357-4112, Cell Phone Accessories 527-3997, Specialty Shop 576-1541 and Quality Auto 357-4144. The Food Court, 576-5661, offers Taco John's, Subway, Charley's Steakery, Burger King, Anthony's Pizza, and Starbucks.





Hours are Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call the PX at 576-4141.

THRIFT SHOP

The Fort Carson Thrift Shop, on Mekong Street across from the Survivor Outreach Services building, sells used merchandise in good condition to Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and their families. Sales are open to the public. The shop is open 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and the first Saturday of the month. For information or to volunteer, call 526-5966.

MINI MALL

The Mini Mall is in building 1510 on Chiles Avenue. Facilities in the Mini Mall include the Furniture Store 576-6313, Military Clothing Store 576-2586, Class Six 576-6531, 24 hour Laundromat, UPS Store 527-6800, Alteration Shop 576-4304, Laundry/Dry Cleaners 576-0054, Military Memorabilia 527-0835, Korea Express and Subway 576-3255, Domino's 377-6868. The administrative offices are also inside the Mini Mall. Human Resources 576-6543, Services & Vending 576-2672, General Managers Office 576-6174.

FIRESTONE

Firestone is at building 1515 on the corner of Chiles and Prussman, 576-6570.

EXPRESS STORES

The Exchange operates six Express stores on Fort Carson: Gate 20 Express 576-3163,

B Street Express 576-2108, Gate 3 Express 527-4911, Wilderness Express 226-0278, Ivy Troop Express 576-8531.

MILITARY CLOTHING SALES STORE

The Military Clothing Sales Store, 576-2586, is in the Mini Mall, building 1510, on Wetzel Avenue. The store is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Sunday closed.

CLASS SIX

The Class Six, 576-6531, is in the Mini Mall, building 1510. Hours are Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

OTHER FOOD FACILITIES

Pizza Hut, building 5940, 538-0100; Dunkin Donuts and Baskin Robbins, building 5940, 785-4823; KFC, building 1532, 579-8237; Green Beans Coffee, building 1827, 576-0130; Dainty's Kitchen and Smoothie King, building 2355, 576-8532. There is a Jimmy John's inside the Gate 20 Express, building 3600, 576-0554; there is another Jimmy John's in building 1515. There is a Burger King inside Gate 3 Express, building 510, 527-4945; there is a Subway 226-0281, Smoothie King 576-1706 and Hunt Brothers' Pizza located inside the Wilderness Express, building 9478, 226-0281. Triple Food, 226-1269, is in building 1534 and offers Burger King, Qdoba and Arby's.

COMMISSARY

Fort Carson's Commissary is in building 1800 and can be reached at 719-503-8300, Option 3. This benefit provides 30-percent savings to patrons. It is open seven days a week. Hours are Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Early bird shopping is available Monday-Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. No early bird on the weekend.





UNITS

4TH INFANTRY DIVISION

The 4th Infantry Division is the preeminent team of combat-focused Soldiers, Families and supporting community members achieving excellence in the support of each other and the Army's mission.

As the Army's only balanced division with the combination of armor, light and Stryker infantry, the 4th Inf. Div. is the most versatile division in the United States Army providing options to joint force commanders consistent with today's Army Operating Concept.

The 4th Inf. Div. is trained and ready to fight and win; Iron Horse Soldiers and civilians are certified, agile and adaptive professionals of character, committed to sustaining readiness and caring for Families and communities.

In keeping with the rich history and service to the community of the Mountain Post, the 4th Inf. Div. is proud to be the face of Fort Carson and a loyal partner with the community. Working together, the 4th Inf. Div. and Fort Carson build and maintain combat-ready expeditionary forces necessary to fight and win in complex environments as members of joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational teams and as a mission command element.

The "Iron Horse" Division and Fort Carson provide first-class support to Soldiers, Airmen, civilians and Families and enable unified action with community, state and interagency partners to accomplish all assigned missions.

On Dec. 10, 1917, the same year that America entered World War I, the 4th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, was organized at Camp

Greene, North Carolina, to begin its long tradition of service to the nation. Filled with draftees, the 4th Div., whose insignia had been adopted by its first commanding general, Major General George H. Cameron, became known as the "Ivy" Division. Its insignia consisted of four green ivy leaves on a khaki background. The division also derived its numerical designation from the Roman numeral IV, hence the nickname, "Ivy" Division. The division's motto, "Steadfast and Loyal," has described the Iron Horse Soldier for about 100 years.

By June 1918, the entire division had arrived in France. Before entering combat in July for the Aisne-Marne Offensive, the 4th fought with distinction across France and received great praise for its heroic efforts during St. Mariel and the Muese-Argonne campaigns. With the Armistice signed on November 11, the division moved to serve both the French and British sectors as well as all Corps in the American sector and was the first to crack the Hindenburg Line.

The 4th Infantry Division was reactivated in June 1940 and began training immediately for war. Sent to England in January 1944 for amphibious training prior to D-Day, the Ivy Division was first ashore, landing at Utah Beach on June 6, 1944. After a successful landing and breakout from Normandy, the 4th pushed into France and liberated Paris. The division then moved to Luxembourg, where the 4th Inf. Div. became the first U.S. Soldiers to breach the Siegfried line and enter Germany. The 4th moved north to face the enemy in the bloody Hurtgen Forest and, after weeks of brutal combat, returned to Luxembourg for action in the Battle of the Bulge. The 4th Inf. Div. halted the enemy advance in December,



gained the offensive and attacked across the Rhine and into eastern Germany during the spring of 1945.

The Fighting Fourth was again called into action in the fall of 1965 and sent to Vietnam. The division was given a large area of the Central Highlands to control, and a base camp was soon established at Pleiku. During the next four years, the 4th Inf. Div. engaged the enemy in brutal combat, conducting search and destroy missions and constant patrols to defend their assigned territory. It eliminated enemy incursions moving from the Ho Chi Minh Trail thru Cambodia and Laos. When the division departed Vietnam in late 1970, it had earned 11 campaign streamers and 12 Soldiers had earned the Medal of Honor.

The 4th Inf. Div. returned to combat in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and would deploy multiple times during the next eight years. After arriving in April 2003, the division established Task Force Iron Horse at Tikrit and engaged the enemy north of Baghdad. In December 2003, the 4th, along with special operations forces, captured Saddam Hussein. The 4th Inf. Div. Headquarters returned in both 2005 and 2007 to command Multi-National Division-Baghdad, and the division's brigade combat teams also made multiple deployments in support of the war. During their service in Iraq, Iron Horse Soldiers would balance aggressive operations to eliminate threats with massive rebuilding projects and sophisticated training programs. The

Iron Horse Division deployed, serving as the command for MND-North in support of Operation New Dawn, in 2010.

The Al-Qaeda attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 resulted in a swift and unified action to destroy those responsible. The U.S. Army invaded Afghanistan in 2001 to search for and destroy al Qaeda, its sympathizers and its leader, Osama Bin Laden. The action became known as Operation Enduring Freedom and focused on eliminating the Taliban organization which supported Al-Qaeda and practiced domestic terrorism against the people of Afghanistan. As the war evolved, U.S. and NATO forces increased to also provide necessary security training and infrastructure development for a free and democratic Afghanistan.

The Iron Horse Division cased its colors again, June 24, 2013, symbolizing the beginning of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion's one-year deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The division deployed part of its headquarters to support NATO's International Security Assistance Force Regional Command-South in its mission to support and enable Afghanistan's National Security Forces to conduct security operations and create the necessary conditions to promote economic development and governance in the Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan and Daykundi provinces.

After returning from its deployment to Regional Command-South, Afghanistan, the 4th Inf. Div. received the Army's Regionally

Allocated Forces mission in Europe. Arriving in Europe Feb. 13, 2015, the 4th Inf. Div. Mission Command Element serves as an intermediate headquarters for U.S. Army Europe, operating in support of Atlantic Resolve.

The 4th Inf. Div. headquarters is the first division-level headquarters to deploy to Europe as part of the regionally allocated forces concept. The MCE is a headquarters element tailored to provide mission command for all U.S. ground forces participating in Atlantic Resolve and oversees continuous, enhanced multinational training and security cooperation activities with allies and partners in Eastern Europe, to include countries of Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Germany.

The 4th Inf. Div. has earned 22 campaign streamers for participation in World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Since World War I, 21 Soldiers were awarded the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor. Staff Sgt. Clinton L. Romesha and Staff Sgt. Ty Michael Carter are two recent Soldiers to receive the nation's highest military award for extraordinary gallantry and selfless actions during the Battle of Kamdesh at Combat Outpost Keating, Afghanistan, on Oct. 3, 2009. Capt. Florent A. Groberg was the latest Iron Horse Soldier to receive the Medal of Honor from the President, Nov. 12, 2015.

The Iron Horse Division remains regionally engaged supporting multiple operations and mission sets the world round, from North America to Europe, Afghanistan and abroad. 4th Inf. Div. Soldiers demonstrate unparalleled competence, character and agility in their training and their mission. Iron Horse Soldiers are fit, disciplined and trained to the 4th Inf. Div. fundamentals — prepared to fight and win, whenever and wherever called.

1ST STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION

The "Raider" Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, was constituted Nov. 19, 1917, in the Regular Army as Headquarters Troop, 4th Division. The unit participated in World War I and was involved in numerous campaigns including Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Champagne and Lorraine.

It reorganized July 6, 1942, as Headquarters Company, 4th Division in preparation for the initial assault into Normandy. Following the end of the World War II, the unit was inactivated March 12, 1946, at Camp Butner, North Carolina. The 1st Brigade served in Vietnam



operating in numerous operations and counteroffensives. On Oct. 15, 1995, the brigade inactivated at Fort Carson, Colorado, but was reactivated at Fort Hood, Texas, Jan. 16, 1996.

In March 2003, the Raider Brigade deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. On Dec. 13, 2003, 600 Raider Brigade Soldiers, along with Special Operations forces, launched operation Red Dawn which resulted in capturing the former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

The Raider Brigade was reorganized and redesignated as the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, in 2004. The brigade deployed again to Iraq in January 2006 fulfilling its second rotation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Raider Brigade deployed for the third time in March 2008, this time to the southern side of Baghdad during the peak of sectarian violence across Baghdad. After successful provincial elections in January 2009, the Raider Brigade returned to Fort Hood the following March. In the summer of 2009, the 1st Brigade conducted a move from Fort Hood to Fort Carson.

In September 2009, the brigade received orders to become the first heavy brigade combat team to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The brigade deployed in July 2010 and operated in two regional commands in the south and west. Combined Task Force Raider fought and trained side by side with the Afghan National Security Forces and International Security Assistance Forces partners from Herat and Farah to Kandahar and Arghandab.

The Raider Brigade deployed most recently in February 2013 to support Operation Spartan Shield in Kuwait. The majority of the unit was tasked as theater reserve and based out of Camp Buehring, Kuwait, while elements of the brigade operated with SECFOR North and SECFOR South. The unit provided joint security and training operations between the Kuwaiti military forces as well as the Jordanian military.

In March 2014, the Raider Brigade began its conversion from an armored brigade to a Stryker brigade combat team, trading in its M1 Abrams tanks and Bradley Infantry Fighting vehicles for the Stryker combat vehicles. The Stryker brigade combat team combines the capacity for rapid deployment with survivability and tactical mobility, enabling Soldiers to maneuver within the close confines of urban terrain, provide protection in open terrain and transport infantry quickly to critical battlefield positions.

Throughout 2015 and 2016, the Raider Brigade tested the mettle of the Stryker combat

vehicle through numerous training exercises, a rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, and supported several missions and exercises worldwide.

2ND INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION

The "Warhorse" Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) was constituted Nov. 19, 1917, in the regular Army as Headquarters, 7 Infantry Brigade, an element of the 4th Division. It was then organized in December 1917 at Camp Greene, North Carolina.

The brigade served valiantly during World War I and earned battlefield streamers for its participation in the Aisne-Marne, Saint Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Champagne 1918 and Lorraine 1918 campaigns.

The unit was reorganized and redesignated in March 1921 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Infantry Brigade. The unit was inactivated on Sept. 21, 1921, at Camp Lewis, Washington. It was redesignated on March 23, 1925, as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Brigade, and relieved on Aug. 15, 1927, from assignment to the 4th Division and assigned to the 7th Division. It was relieved on Oct. 1, 1933, from assignment to the 7th Division and assigned to the 4th Division. It was redesignated on Aug. 24, 1936, as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Infantry Brigade and disbanded on Oct. 16, 1939.

With tensions rising in the Republic of Vietnam, the brigade was reconstituted on Aug. 21, 1963, in the regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division and activated Oct. 1, 1963, at Fort Lewis, Washington. During the Vietnam War, the 2nd Brigade received battlefield streamers for participation in 11 combat campaigns.

After the Vietnam War, the brigade fought the rest of the Cold War while stationed at Fort Carson until it was inactivated in 1989.

Subsequently reactivated Dec. 15, 1995, at Fort Hood, Texas, the brigade led the Army's Force XXI experimentation and validation, shaping the force of the 21st century.

The Warhorse Brigade has participated in many operations of the War on Terror, fighting to invade and secure Iraq as well as Afghanistan. In March 2003, the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In late 2006, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, moved from Fort Hood, Texas, to Fort Carson, Colorado.

In 2003-2004, 2005-2007 and 2008-2010 the brigade deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Meanwhile, 4th Brigade or "the Mountain Warrior Brigade" deployed in 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2016 to various regions of Afghanistan to further bring stability to the region. During this time, in 2015, the 4th





Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, was realigned under the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. The brigade's most recent deployment was to Afghanistan in 2018, when Warhorse Soldiers served on missions in Kandahar, Bagram, Dwyer and Tarin Kowt in support of the Resolute Support Mission to train, advise and assist Afghan National Defense Security Forces.

3RD ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION

The 3rd Brigade was constituted Nov. 19, 1917, in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 8th Infantry Brigade, as an element of the 4th Division. It was organized in December 1917 at Camp Greene, North Carolina. The brigade has been reorganized and redesignated several times over the years. Finally, on Dec. 15, 1970, it was activated at Fort Carson, Colorado, as 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

When the Division Headquarters moved to Fort Hood, Texas, in 1995, the brigade remained at Fort Carson and was redesignated as the 3rd Brigade Combat Team. In May 2006, the brigade completed its transformation to the Army's modular design.

The brigade has received numerous campaign participation credits, including Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne During World War I; Counteroffensive, Phases II-VI, and Tet Counteroffensive in Vietnam; and Operation Iraqi Freedom I of the War on Terrorism, to name a few. A few of its more prestigious decorations include the Presidential Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Award, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class.

The 3rd BCT has deployed four times in a span of seven years in support of Operation

Iraqi Freedom: 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2007-2008 and later, Operation New Dawn 2010-2011. In Iraq, the brigade's mission included several key areas: neutralizing the anti-Iraqi forces, building a capable Iraqi Security Force, legitimizing a responsive government and putting Iraqis in the lead. During the latter half of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the beginning of Operation New Dawn, from March 2010 to 2011, the 3rd BCT had the mission to serve as an advise and assist brigade responsible for advising, training and assisting Iraqi Security Forces.

During 2012, 3rd BCT sent more than 300 of its officers and senior noncommissioned officers in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. These 3rd BCT Security Forces Assistance Teams deployed on a mission to the southern provinces of Afghanistan to help mentor and train current Afghan National Security Forces. 3rd BCT was one of the first brigades in the Army to be given this mission.

In April 2013, the 3rd BCT was redesignated as the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team. The 3rd ABCT, "Iron" Brigade, is composed of more than 4,000 Soldiers, including 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 66th

Armor Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment; the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment; the 588th Engineer Battalion; and 64th Brigade Support Battalion.

In February 2015, the 3rd ABCT deployed to Southwest Asia in support of U.S. Central Command. During the nine-month deployment, the unit provided combatant commanders a versatile, responsive and consistently available force to meet requirements across a range of military operations in the region. These military operations included ongoing operational and contingency operations, operational support and theater security cooperation activities, as well as bilateral and multilateral military exercises that extended over 15 countries throughout the region.

Iron Brigade Soldiers spent the 2016 summer completing Iron Strike, CALFEX, EFMB, Gunnery, and a rotation to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, for a Europe deployment in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve in early 2017.

4TH COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE

The "Iron Eagles" were first constituted April 1, 1957 as the 4th Aviation Company, assigned to the 4th Infantry Division and activated at Fort Lewis, Washington. The unit was reorganized and redesignated Oct. 1, 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Aviation Battalion.

The 4th Aviation Battalion deployed to the Republic of Vietnam in September 1966, where it participated in multiple campaigns and was awarded two Republic of Vietnam Crosses of Gallantry and one Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal. The unit redeployed back to the United States in 1970. It was inactivated Dec. 4, 1970, at Fort Lewis.

4th Aviation Battalion was redesignated Nov. 21, 1972, as Aviation Company, 4th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Carson,





Colorado. It was again reorganized and redesignated March 17, 1980, as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Aviation Battalion, and again Aug. 16, 1987, as 4th Aviation Regiment. In 1995, the unit was relocated to Fort Hood, Texas, with the 4th Infantry Division. On Oct. 1, 2005, the unit was again redesignated as the 4th Aviation Regiment.

The 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, was inactivated in September 2011 at Fort Hood and was reactivated July 2, 2013, at Fort Carson.

The 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, once in 2005 and again in 2008, and was awarded two Meritorious Unit Citations. The unit deployed again in 2010 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, after which the brigade was awarded a Valorous Unit Award. Task Force Iron Eagle supported 22 allied nations across four regional commands, the largest geographical area of any combat aviation brigade. The brigade's most recent deployment was in November 2015, when the "Iron Eagle" Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan again, this time in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel where they conducted full-spectrum aviation operations, assisting in providing security and stability to the region.

In addition to providing support to the mission of the 4th Infantry Division, providing aerial support to the brigade combat teams, home station training and other units of the Fort Carson and theater, the 4th CAB Soldiers also give lifesaving support in emergencies. An example of this support is the units'



actions during the 2013 Black Forest fires and the Boulder floods. They flew more than 913 missions and dropped 700,000 gallons of water during the Black Forest fires. The Iron Eagles contributed to the largest airlift evacuation since Hurricane Katrina in the Boulder floods, and the brigade also volunteered more than 560 hours outside of military operations to help with the recovery of the communities during both of these natural disasters. The professional Soldiers of the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade are routinely requested to provide critical aviation support to the installation and

community and volunteers with more than 25 nonprofit, veteran and state organizations throughout southern Colorado.

4TH SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE

The unit was constituted into the Regular Army on Jan. 18, 1966, as the 43rd General Support Group. The unit was activated on March 26, 1966, at Fort Carson, Colorado, and organized on May 16, 1966. The first battalion to join the Group was the 68th Transportation Battalion which was activated in August 1966. Three more battalions joined the Group in 1967: 195th Maintenance Battalion on Feb. 23; 242nd Maintenance Battalion on Feb. 25; and 70th Ordnance Battalion on March 1.

On July 26, 1967, acting on a seven-hour notification, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 43rd and 352nd Transportation Company (Light Truck) deployed to Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, to provide logistical support for the elements of the XVIII Airborne Corps during riot control operations. In August and September 1967, units of the group deployed to Alaska during severe flooding to establish a field laundry site. In 1968, the organization of the group changed: the 336th Ordnance Battalion joined the group May 20 and the 242nd Maintenance Battalion, one of the group's original members, inactivated Aug. 25. In addition to group organization changes, the 336th Ordnance Battalion deployed to Southeast Asia Sept. 26, 1968.





In 1970, three military police companies (19th, 148th and 984th) and the 283rd Aviation Company joined the group in May; the 40th Supply and Service Company joined the group in November; and the 195th Maintenance Battalion (another of the group's original members) inactivated Dec. 4. In 1971 the 283rd Aviation Company was transferred to Fort Bragg in June; the 4th Military Police Company joined the group; and a third original member, the 70th Ordnance Battalion, was inactivated in November. In 1972 the 19th Military Police Battalion was formed as a headquarters for the Military Police companies; the 52nd Engineer Battalion joined the group in July; and the 4th Military Intelligence Company and B Company, 75th Infantry (Ranger) joined the group in August. The group was redesignated as the 43rd Corps Support Group in 1973.

The 43rd served in Operation Desert Shield & Desert Storm; Operation Continue Hope; Operation Sea Signal; Operation Iraqi Freedom; and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Effective July 17, 2008, the 43rd Area Support Group was redesignated as the 43rd Sustainment Brigade. As part of the reorganization, the 43rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion and 230th Financial Management Company (FMCO) were activated and the 10th Combat Support Hospital and 4th Engineer Battalion were reassigned away from the brigade.

The 43rd Sustainment Brigade was redesignated the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 4th

Infantry Division effective July 9, 2015. As part of the reorganization, 4th Sustainment Brigade integrated fully into the overall 4th Infantry Division command at Fort Carson to continue the outstanding support for 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson Soldiers.

DIVISION ARTILLERY

The 4th Division Artillery (DIVARTY) began its story as Headquarters Battery, 4th Field Artillery Brigade, "Iron Gunner," Nov. 19, 1917, under the command of Maj. Gen. Edwin Babbitt, and was assigned to the 4th Division. The unit was organized for combat operations at Camp Greene, North Carolina, from Dec 15, 1917, to Jan. 10, 1918. Headquarters, 4th Field Artillery Brigade, departed for World War I in Europe in the winter of 1918. Campaign participation included actions at Meuse-Argonne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Champagne 1918 and Lorraine 1918. Upon returning stateside, the 4th Field Artillery Brigade was stationed at Camp Lewis, Washington, where it was inactivated Sept. 21, 1921, following the Armistice that ended World War I. The 4th Field Artillery Brigade was redesignated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Jan. 1, 1935, then was disbanded again Nov. 14, 1939.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Field Artillery, was reconstituted Sept. 10, 1940, as Headquarters Battery, 4th DIVARTY. The unit was activated Oct. 1, 1940, at Fort Benning, Georgia, under the command of

Brig. Gen. Julian Barnes. Following reactivation, the unit deployed to Europe for combat operations against the Axis. Campaign participation included action at Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central-Europe. 4th Division Artillery was inactivated March 5, 1946, at Camp Butler, North Carolina.

On July 6, 1948, at Fort Ord, California, the 4th DIVARTY was again activated. On April 1, 1957, at Fort Lewis, Washington, the 4th DIVARTY was reorganized and redesignated as the 4th Infantry Division Artillery.

With the escalation of the Vietnam conflict, the 4th Infantry Division Artillery again followed the 4th Inf. Div. into battle. On July 21, 1966, from Fort Lewis, Washington, and under the command of Brig. Gen. Joseph Cutrona, the 4th Inf. Div. began deploying to South Vietnam. The DIVARTY would spend the next four years in South Vietnam providing fire support for the "Ivy" Division Soldiers during intense close combat operations. Campaign participation in Vietnam included action during Tet 69/Counteroffensive, Summer-Fall 1969, Winter-Spring 1970, Sanctuary Counteroffensive, Tet Counteroffensive and Counteroffensive phases III-VII. By December 1970, the 4th DIVARTY returned from South Vietnam to Fort Carson, Colorado. Also during 1970, 4th DIVARTY was redesignated as 4th DIVARTY (Mechanized). This last redesignation nicknamed the unit "Iron Gunners," which complemented the "Iron Horse" Division.

With the realignment and downsizing of the Army force, 4th DIVARTY was reassigned to Fort Hood, Texas, on Dec. 15, 1995, where it replaced the inactivating 2nd Armored Division Artillery.

On Dec. 16, 2004, the 4th DIVARTY began the transformation and restructuring process to become the 4th Fires Brigade, the Army's first modular fires brigade, dividing all battalions except the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, among the new brigade combat teams (BCTs) as fire support elements.

In 2007, the 4th Fires Brigade was inactivated and its headquarters reflagged as HHB, 41st Fires Brigade.

In October 2014, the DIVARTY was reconstituted as part of the Iron Horse Division and activated in October 2015 under the command of Col. Michael Oeschger, with oversight of 2nd Battalion, 12th Field Artillery Regiment; 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment; and 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment.





4TH INFANTRY DIVISION BAND

The Continental Army of 1776 depended upon quality musicians for regimental drill. The inspiration of the marching band was a significant contribution in the victory at the Battle of Bennington in 1777 as the band led the troops to the battle. By 1832, almost all regiments had a band, and by mid-19th century, regiments had additional field musicians of drummers and buglers to sound calls for specific times and to transmit commands in battle.

From the first formations of the Continental Army, bands were included in the ranks to provide music for two main purposes: ceremonial functions and bolstering troop morale. Army bands have borne the customs and traditions of the Army service, incorporating the legends and practices of the past and representing them in the present. The band carries lineage and tradition of their units into the public view as they march as the vanguard of a wide variety of traditional ceremonies. The mace, the baldric and the drums of an Army band display the battle honors of the division or unit it serves. In ways that written or spoken language cannot adequately convey, the patriotic music encourages an element of bonded spirit among all Soldiers. Army bands are a living testament of Army tradition.

The 4th Infantry Division Band was constituted July 30, 1943, as the Band, 4th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Aug. 4, 1943. On Oct. 1, 1943, the band was consolidated with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 4th Infantry Division Trains, and redesignated as Headquarters, Headquarters and Band, 4th Infantry Division Support Command.



Redesignated Dec. 1, 1943, as the 4th Infantry Division Band, the band traveled to Europe with the division and performed in England, France and Germany during World War II. The band's tour lasted until early 1946 and entitled the band to battle streamers for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe. Upon returning to Camp Butner, North Carolina, the band was deactivated March 12, 1946.

The band was reactivated July 15, 1947, at Fort Ord, California, and traveled to Fort Benning, Georgia, before moving to Germany in 1951. The 4th Infantry Division Band stayed in Germany supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization from 1951 to 1956 when it returned to the United States and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

On Nov. 1, 1965, the band was reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 4th Infantry Division Support Command.

In September 1966, the band arrived at the Division Base Camp south of Pleiku, South Vietnam. The band performed military ceremonies and Christmas concerts there as well as various forward areas in the vicinity of Plei Djerong. In addition, the band supported the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, the Pleiku Sub-Area Command (First Logistical Command), I Field Forces Vietnam and the U.S. Air Force units in the Pleiku area. In 1967, the band provided ceremonial music and musical entertainment for military and civilian audiences in locations from Ban Me Thuot and Qui Nhon to Chu Lai and Dak To.

For its work in Vietnam during the period of Nov. 1, 1967, through Oct. 31, 1968, the band was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation. For its cumulative efforts in Vietnam during the period 1966-1970, the band also earned two Vietnamese Gallantry Crosses with Palm; a Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation; and battle streamers for Counteroffensive Phase II, Counteroffensive Phase III, Tet Counteroffensive, Counteroffensive Phase IV, Counteroffensive Phase V, Tet 69 Counteroffensive, Summer-Fall 1969, Winter-Spring 1970, Sanctuary Counteroffensive and Counteroffensive Phase VII.

The band returned to the United States and moved to Fort Carson where it stayed from 1970 to 1995. In 1995, the band moved with the Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division to Fort Hood, Texas. During the period of persistent conflict since 2001, the 4th Infantry Division Band has supported Operation Iraqi Freedom three times, resulting in the awarding of three more Meritorious Unit Commendations.

After a 14-year absence, the 4th Infantry Division Band has returned to Fort Carson. Half of the band deployed in support of Operation New Dawn in 2010. The band's modular approach to deployment allowed it to support USD-North and the Fort Carson and Colorado Springs communities simultaneously.

If interested in requesting the 4th Infantry Division Band, please contact the operations section of the 4th Infantry Division Band at (719) 526-5779. You will need to submit your request on a DD2536, and the request should be made 60 days before your event.



10TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP

The 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and the history of the United States Army Special Forces are intertwined, since the group is the oldest Special Forces Group in the Army.

The establishment of the Group on June 19, 1952, was also the establishment of Special Forces. The history of the group begins with the formation of the Office of Strategic Services under the command of Brig. Gen. William O. "Wild Bill" Donovan in 1942. Its missions took the unit behind enemy lines in every theater of operations during World War II. Americans, British, French, Belgians, Dutch, South Africans, New Zealanders and Canadians all filled the ranks of the OSS. In France, small elements called "Jedburgh teams" were employed to assist the allied landings and subsequent breakouts at both Normandy and Provence.

The official lineage and colors of the group go back to the 1st Special Service Force, a joint U.S.-Canadian Army force established in 1942, at Fort William Henry Harrison in Helena, Montana, for the conduct of winter commando-type operations in Europe.

The 10th SFG(A) is assigned to the U.S. Army's Special Forces Command in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, but headquartered at Fort Carson. The approximate 2,000 Soldiers assigned to the 10th SFG(A) train for and conduct combat, unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance and foreign internal defense missions.

The 10th SFG(A) consists of the Group Headquarters, the Group Support Battalion and four combat battalions; three are based at Fort Carson, and one battalion is forward deployed to Panzer Kaserne in Stuttgart, Germany.

10TH COMBAT SUPPORT HOSPITAL

The motto of the 10th Combat Support Hospital (CSH), "In Cruce Vincam," translates to "I Shall Conquer by the Cross." This motto is intended to be inspirational in nature and refers to the CSH's ability to conserve the fighting strength of the Soldier.

The green of the motto's scroll symbolizes the green fields, the normal operational environment for an Army at war. The maroon and white are the colors of the Army Medical Department. The maroon colored cross represents the medical profession, while the white satire forming the Roman "X" indicates the numerical designation.

The unit was constituted in the U.S. Army June 23, 1942, and was first activated and designated as the 10th Field Hospital July 6, 1942 at Camp Bowie, Texas. During World War II, the 10th Field Hospital provided medical support in Tunisia, Italy, France and Germany. Two arrowhead devices were awarded to the 10th Field Hospital for participation in these campaigns, and the unit was also awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation April 16, 1990, for services in the European Theater during 1944.

The unit was deactivated Nov. 4, 1945, at Camp Myles, Massachusetts, following the defeat of the Axis Powers. The 10th Field Hospital resumed its medical support and training mission in Germany, following its reactivation in the regular Army Aug. 25, 1949. The unit was redesignated as the 10th Evacuation Hospital June 15, 1962, and remained in Germany until its deactivation Aug. 16, 1965.

The 10th CSH was reactivated July 12, 1967, at Fort Meade, Maryland. On March 21, 1973, the Evacuation Hospital was reorganized and redesignated as the 10th Combat Support Hospital (CSH). It was redesignated as the 10th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) Aug. 16, 1983. On Aug. 5, 1987, Department of the Army directed a realignment of the 10th MASH with the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, Colorado, with an effective date of Aug. 16, 1988. The 10th MASH was aligned under the 43rd Support Group as a battalion organization with the following subordinate units: 517th Medical Company (Clearing), 571st Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance),

223rd Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine) and 40th Dental Company.

On Jan. 3, 1991, the 10th MASH deployed to Saudi Arabia with the 44th Medical Brigade, 1st Medical Group in support of Operation Desert Storm until July 1991. The Department of the Army redesignated the 10th MASH as the 10th Combat Support Hospital Dec. 16, 1992. The 10th CSH (FWD) deployed to Bosnia and Hungary in support of Operation Joint Forge from March 12 to Sept. 27, 1999.

On Nov. 17, 1999, the Department of the Army, in accordance with the Medical Reengineering Initiative (MRI), reorganized the 10th CSH into three companies, HHD, Alpha Co (164 bed), and Bravo Co (84 bed), and one detachment, the 223rd Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine).

Since the MRI, three more detachments have been activated and organized under the 10th CSH: on Oct. 16, 2000, the 2nd Medical Detachment (Forward Surgical Team); on Oct. 17, 2007, the 221st Medical Detachment (Optometry); and on Oct. 15, 2010, the 438th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service). From April 9 to July 22, 2003, the unit deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom under the command and control of the 30th Medical Brigade.

In January 2004, the 10th Combat Support Hospital became the first hospital to complete the Medical Reengineering Initiative conversion. With the conversion, the 10th CSH is now a more mobile 84-bed hospital with an additional 164 beds in storage, if ever needed. The CSH is designed to provide level III care to deployed Soldiers during wartime operations or humanitarian missions. The hospital facility is the Deployable Medical System, which consists of temper tents and shelters. It is composed of an emergency medical treatment section with a dispensary, one operating room with two tables, two intensive care units each composed of 12 beds, three intermediate care wards each composed of 20 beds, one central materiel services section, laboratory with limited testing capabilities, blood bank, radiology with portable X-ray capability and digital processing and a pharmacy. Due to recent experiences, the 10th CSH has requested an additional OR shelter to increase surgical capabilities. Though the 10th CSH is an Echelon-Above-Division asset, and therefore requires support, with the MRI conversion it is now more self-sufficient than before.

The 10th CSH deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2007. While



conducting split-based operations in Tallil and Baghdad, Medical Task Force 10 provided unmatched Level III combat health support with a 94 percent survivability rate. The unit returned to Fort Carson from Iraq Oct. 14, 2006, and received an additional Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In 2009-2010, the 10th CSH deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and once again provided unmatched Level III combat health support with a 98-percent survivability rate, the highest survivability rate in the history of U.S. warfare.

Most recently, the 10th CSH deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and conducted split base operation between FOB Dwyer and many locations throughout the country. The survivability rate was unmatched by any other unit, and a successful transition was conducted with the incoming unit.

The staff of the hospital is composed of two personnel components: permanently assigned and professional fillers or PROFIS. With the fiscal 2007 modified table of organization and equipment, the 10th CSH had 482 required positions, which consist of 237 permanently assigned and 245 PROFIS. With the MRI conversion, this represents a shift with the number of permanently assigned personnel decreasing and the number of PROFIS increasing by approximately 40 each. The backbone of a fully operational and functional hospital is the competent staff found under the canvas. An important part of that competent team is the PROFIS staff that makes up more than half of the staff and includes the majority of the clinical professionals. The 10th Combat Support Hospital is the premier combat support hospital within Forces Command and the Department of Defense. The 10th CSH provides comprehensive level-III medical care and health services to conserve the fighting strength of America's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

4TH ENGINEER BATTALION

The 4th Engineer Battalion, "The Vanguard of the 4th Division," saw action in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II and Vietnam. It was organized Dec. 31, 1861, in Washington, D.C., from new and existing companies of engineers as a provisional engineer battalion. It was constituted July 28, 1866, as the Battalion of Engineers.

The Battalion of Engineers was reorganized on Feb. 26, 1901. During the Spanish-American War, the battalion saw action in Cuba, taking

part in the Santiago campaign. It later served briefly in the Philippine Insurrection.

Upon the United States' entry into World War I, the battalion, now known as the 2nd Regiment of Engineers, was expanded to form three engineer regiments (2nd, 4th and 5th). The 4th Regiment, redesignated as the 4th Engineers on Aug. 29, 1917, was assigned to the 4th Division Jan. 1, 1918. During the war, the 4th took part in five campaigns: Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Champagne 1918 and Lorraine 1918. In 1921, the 4th Engineers was inactivated at Camp Lewis, Washington.

Between 1927-1933, the unit was reassigned to support the 6th Division, and six years later it was redesignated as the 4th Engineer

Battalion activated (less Company A, which activated July 24, 1922, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina), June 1, 1940, at Fort Benning, Georgia. In reorganizations and redesignations, the 4th Engineer Motorized Battalion (September 1942) then the 4th Engineer Combat Battalion (August 1943) were formed.

Elements of the 4th Engineer Combat Battalion were in the first wave of assault troops to hit the beaches of Normandy in the early hours of D-Day. The combat engineers of the 4th Eng. Bn. cleared Utah Beach of mines and opened a road for elements of the famed 8th and 22nd infantry regiments. The battalion took part in the fighting in the Huertgen Forest, where it earned a Presidential Unit Citation. In all, the





4th Engineer Battalion took part in five World War II campaigns.

Soon after World War II ended, the unit was inactivated Feb. 19, 1946, at Camp Butler, North Carolina. This did not last long however, with reactivation July 6, 1948 at Fort Ord, California, and subsequent redesignation as the 4th Engineer Battalion in June 1953.

The unit supported operations in Vietnam, including during the Tet Offensive of 1968. In July 1966, elements of the 4th Engineer Battalion, under the command of Lt. Col. Gerhard Schulz, arrived at Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam, and established the battalion headquarters at Camp Enari. In addition to multiple construction and defense projects, the Engineers of the 4th were also committed as infantry on several

occasions, defending Pleiku against enemy attack. In all, the 4th took part in 11 campaigns during the Vietnam War. Company A, 4th Engineer Battalion, earned two Presidential Unit Citations, while Company C earned a Valorous Unit Award. The entire battalion earned a Meritorious Unit Commendation along with several citations from the Republic of Vietnam.

During the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 4th Engineer Battalion crossed the border into Iraq on April 14, 2003. Stationed north of Baghdad, sappers of the 4th Eng. Bn. conducted numerous reconstruction projects, destroyed countless ammunition caches, conducted presence patrols and were subsequently awarded the Valorous Unit

Award upon redeployment. The battalion was inactivated Dec. 15, 2004, and was later reactivated Oct. 18, 2006, at Fort Carson as the 4th Engineer Battalion (Combat Effects) a part of 555th Engineer Brigade based out of Fort Lewis, Washington.

In February 2009, the battalion deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was subsequently redeployed to southern Afghanistan to perform route clearance missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom until redeployment in February 2010. Its deployment to Iraq and redeployment to Afghanistan was the first subsequent redeployment mission since World War II.

As of the Summer of 2014 and the return of its last company from Afghanistan, the 4th Engineer Battalion and its subsequent engineer companies currently have 28 months of continuous service in OIF and OEF with a combined total of 37 months during that 28-month period due to having multiple Engineer Companies deployed separately at the same time. The 4th Engineer Battalion has accrued more than 95 months of combined deployment time in support of the Global War on Terrorism from 2003 to 2014, with its most recent deployment to Afghanistan from August 2013 to May 2014.

The 4th Engineer Battalion is one of the Engineer Regiment's oldest and most decorated battalions. The 4th Engineer Battalion's unit decorations include the Presidential Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Award and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

71ST EOD GROUP

The 71st Ordnance Group (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) was activated and redesignated as an EOD group at Fort Carson Oct. 16, 2005, at which time the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment was swiftly positioned to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Combined Joint Task Force Troy, where the organization earned two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards while being responsible for the Counter Improvised Explosive Device fight and proved its resoluteness in defeating the enemy's primary weapon of choice in the operation. The 71st Ordnance Group recently returned from deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom serving as Combined Joint Task Force Paladin. Its mission was to train the force, defeat the device attack the network and enable justice. CJTF Paladin managed the U.S. EOD assets and coordinated with multi-national EOD assets throughout Afghanistan.





The official lineage of the 71st Ordnance Group (EOD) was firmly planted on the European battlefield of World War II. Originally constituted in the U.S. Army July 17, 1944, it was formally activated in France July 23, 1944. The 71st EOD Group saw service in the European theater of operations earning campaign streamers for Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe, before its deactivation in Germany in June 1946. From there, the unit was transferred to the Reserves and underwent several reorganizations and redesignations, ending as the 361st Ordnance Group, then activating in the Ready Reserves in March 1947 until it inactivated in April 1954. One year later, the group was returned to the regular Army and activated May 13, 1955, in Germany as the 71st Ordnance Group until it inactivated in June 1959. The 71st Ordnance Group remained inactive until it was reactivated in Korea in December 1962 and inactivated Jan. 1, 1966, in the Republic of Korea.

The 71st Ordnance Group (EOD) is one of two active-duty EOD groups in the U.S. Army and has an additional responsibility to support U.S. Northern Command as a homeland response asset. With the largest concentration of EOD Soldiers in the Army, the group consists of the headquarters, three subordinate battalions and a separate WMD company. The group's units are positioned strategically west of the Mississippi River to provide timely EOD support across the western U.S. area of operations.

759TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

The 759th Military Police Battalion was constituted Aug. 19, 1942, and activated Sept. 15, 1942, at Fort Ontario, New York. The battalion remained at Fort Ontario undergoing training until March 1943 when it moved to New York City and was engaged in dock security.

The 759th supported the war effort in Europe during World War II with the 12th Army Group, 3rd Army and 7th Army. Following the war, it served in Berlin, training the new German police force and providing security in the American sector. The unit was inactivated Nov. 2, 1953.

The battalion was activated again June 6, 1968, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and reorganized Nov. 2, 1970. On June 3, 1974, the 555th MP Company was transferred to Fort Lee, Virginia. The battalion supported Cuban resettlement operations in 1980-1981 at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.



The 759th Military Police Battalion was relocated to Fort Carson in 1987. From Aug. 6, 1990, to Dec. 4, 1990, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and the 984th MP Company deployed to Panama in support of Operation Promote Liberty. Their mission was to protect U.S. citizens, U.S. property and U.S. interests in support of the nation-building process.

In 1991, the battalion deployed in support of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The battalion was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation and Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA.

From 1992 to 1993, the 984th MP Company deployed to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope. The company was awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. From Sept. 9, 1994, to Jan. 23, 1995, the headquarters detachment and the 59th MP Company deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Their mission was to provide humanitarian and civil affairs operations in support of Cuban and Haitian migrant camps. For their efforts, the battalion was awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Streamer embroidered GUANTANAMO BAY.

In 1999, the 759th MP Bn. was awarded the Superior Unit Citation for distinguishing itself by deploying and redeploying subordinate units and individual Soldiers in support of two major contingency operations, three major

training exercises and numerous secretary of defense and U.S. Army Forces Command support missions, while simultaneously providing force protection and law enforcement support of the Fort Carson community.

Following Sept. 11, 2001, the battalion deployed to the Military District of Washington in support of Operation Noble Eagle. There it provided security to the Pentagon.

In September 2002, the 984th MP Company deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Soldiers provided security at the detention facilities and were involved in multiple air-bridge missions to Afghanistan. In 2003, the 59th MP Company deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The company was at Camp Victory and conducted numerous patrols in the vicinity of the camp as both law enforcement and combat operations.

In January 2004, the battalion deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon arrival into theater, the battalion was put in charge of numerous Iraqi police stations on the east side of the Tigris River. In October 2004, the battalion moved to Abu Ghraib prison to support the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and 1st Cavalry Division in Fallujah. Soldiers from the 984th MP Company and 630th MP Company provided security to the major access roads



into Fallujah, allowing freedom of movement for coalition forces.

The Lone Sentinel Battalion once again was called to Iraq in Support of OIF 06-08, departing Fort Carson Aug. 24, 2006, and serving in Iraq until its redeployment Nov. 12, 2007. The 759th MP Battalion was the first MP battalion to endure the 15-month deployment. Serving alongside the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, in East Baghdad, the 759th oversaw the equipping and training of the Iraqi police in more than 60 Iraqi police stations there. The Task Force logged more than 1 million miles on the road and conducted more than 60,000 combat patrols during its combat service in Iraq. In July 2007, the 59th MP Company deployed as a part of the U.S. Forces' "surge" effort, serving with Task Force Lone Sentinel until the battalion colors redeployed in September 2008.

The 110th MP Company was deployed in support of OIF 08-09 May 2008. It returned after serving a 15-month tour to the Baghdad AOR in August 2009.

The 148th MP Company continuously rotates military working dog teams through individual K-9 deployments.

The 759th Military Police Battalion remains one of the premier military police battalions of the U.S. Army.

440TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION

The 440th Civil Affairs Battalion was constituted Sept. 20, 1950, in the Organized Reserve Corps as the 440th Military Government Company and activated Oct. 1, 1950, at Wenatchee, Washington.

It was reorganized and redesignated Aug. 13, 1956, as the 440th Civil Affairs and Military Government Company then redesignated Dec. 10, 1959, as the 440th Civil Affairs Company. The unit was inactivated Feb. 29, 1968, at Wenatchee, Washington.

On Jan. 12, 2009, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 440th Civil Affairs Battalion was constituted with the battalion activated Sept. 16, 2012, at Fort Carson.

Although Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations activities often complement each other, each battle system operates individually in support of field commanders.

Civil Affairs Soldiers are the field commander's link to the civil authorities in his area of operations. With specialists in every area of the government, they can assist a host government

meet its people's needs and maintain a stable and viable civil administration.

Civil affairs units help military commanders by working with civil authorities and civilian populations in the commander's area of operations to lessen the impact of military operations on them during peace, contingency operations and declared war. Civil Affairs forces support activities of both conventional and Special Operations Forces and are capable of assisting and supporting the civil administration in the area of operations.

Civil affairs specialists can quickly and systematically identify critical requirements needed by local citizens in war or disaster situations. They can also locate civil resources to support military operations, help minimize civilian interference with operations, support national assistance activities, plan and execute noncombatant evacuation, support counter-drug operations, and establish and maintain liaison or dialogue with civilian aid agencies and civilian commercial and private organizations.

In support of Special Operations, these culturally oriented, linguistically capable Soldiers may also be tasked to provide functional expertise for foreign internal defense operations, unconventional warfare operations and direct action missions.

The functional structure of civil affairs forces and their expertise, training and orientation provide a capability for emergency coordination and administration where political-economic structures have been incapacitated. They can help plan U.S. government interagency procedures for national or regional emergencies. They can assist civil-military planning and military support operations for theater commanders in chief. Additionally, they can coordinate military resources to support government operations, emergency actions and humanitarian assistance from natural, man-made or war-related causes. The 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) and 85th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) are the only active Army civil affairs units. The units consist of four battalions, regionally oriented to work in specific areas of the world. The unit is readily available to deploy and provides primarily tactical support. Civil affairs Soldiers continue to support Special Operations and conventional forces in the OIF and OEF theaters of operation.

The remaining 96 percent of the Army's civil affairs forces are found in four civil affairs commands, subordinate brigades and

battalions in the Army Reserve. They provide a prime source of nation-building skills. These reserve-component civil affairs units include Soldiers with training and experience in public administration, public safety, public health, legal systems, labor management, public welfare, public finance, public education, civil defense, public works and utilities, public communications, public transportation, logistics, food and agricultural services, economics, property control, cultural affairs, civil information and managing dislocated persons.

CA deployments have provided tactical support to military commanders during Operation Just Cause in Panama, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm in Southwest Asia, support to the restoration of the Panamanian government infrastructure during Operation Promote Liberty, management of Haitian refugee camps at Guantanamo Bay, natural disaster assistance in the aftermath of Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki, and assisting humanitarian efforts in Somalia.

Civil affairs experts were also called on to help rebuild the Haitian civilian infrastructure during Operation Uphold Democracy. Active and Reserve CA units have also participated in the ongoing NATO peacekeeping operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo, as well as other operations and exercises around the world.

13TH AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON (U.S. AIR FORCE)

The 13th Air Support Operations Squadron traces its unit heritage back to the 13th Air Support Communications Squadron, Jan. 11, 1943. It was redesignated as the 13th Tactical Air Communications Squadron Feb. 29, 1944, but deactivated shortly thereafter April 15, 1944. The squadron was later reactivated in its current state as the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Carson July 1, 1994.

Unofficially known as the "Gunslingers" (a nickname given by the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment), the Airmen of the 13th ASOS currently provide close air support to the 4th Infantry Division and its subordinate brigades. The Tactical Air Control Party Forward Air Controllers, now called Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, have a long and proud history of providing close air support to the United States Army. TACPs, in one form or another, have served with distinction in every major U.S. military combat operation since World War II, and the earliest roots of close air support operations can even be traced to World War I.



The 3rd Air Support Operations Group (ASOG) is the 13th ASOS's higher headquarters for all mission and administrative actions and is collocated with the Army's III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas. The 3rd ASOG organizes, equips, trains and administers air support operations centers, TACPs and staff weather operations in support of III Corps and subordinate organizations. These units advise Army commanders and their staff on U.S. and allied air capabilities. They also coordinate attack, airlift and reconnaissance air assets in support of joint battle plans. The 3rd ASOG's chain of command continues through the 93rd Air Ground Operations Wing, located at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.

The vision of the 13th ASOS is to develop a resilient, lethal, Gunslinger family.

The mission of the 13th ASOS is to enhance the joint warfighter team by providing combat mission ready Airmen to advise, integrate and control Air and Space Power in support of the 4th Infantry Division.

ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BATTALION-CARSON

Although Army Field Support Battalion-Carson (AFSBn-Carson) was only established as a permanent battalion in accordance with Permanent Order 198-01 on Oct. 4, 2009, the predecessors and history can be traced back to the 1940s. In the 1940s, the Army hired technical experts called civilian master mechanics through the

Army's Technical Services with the purpose of conducting hardware and equipment repairs. In the 1950s, the role of the civilian master mechanics expanded to include teaching, advising and supply assistance, much like the logistics assistance representatives (LAR) of today. With this expanded requirement, they were also renamed as mechanical or equipment advisors.

With the activation of Army Materiel Command (AMC) in 1962, the advisors were aligned under the Technical Service Program and organized under customer assistance offices (CAO) headed by colonels at worldwide locations in most areas of strategic interest. In the 1970s, the roles and missions of the CAO expanded to include supply support, management of modification work orders and select item management. With this expansion, they were also redesignated as logistics assistance offices (LAO).

The Army began aligning LAOs with maneuver divisions in the 1980s to support projected tactical requirements in a large scale ground campaign with the primary role of providing divisional units reach back capability to the Army's large industrial complex. The term LAO was used to indicate LARs working in a garrison environment while the term logistics support element (LSE) was adopted to denote an LAO deployed with LARS and AMC civilian contractors operating on the battlefield. This structure would remain virtually unchanged

over the next decade providing support to the Warfighter.

Following Operation Desert Storm in 1991, the Department of the Army consolidated all Army war reserve stocks, including former theater reserves, into five regional materiel stockpiles; CONUS, Europe, Pacific, Southwest Asia and Afloat. A new subordinate organization, the Army War Reserve Support Command (later redesignated the Army Field Support Command), was created in October 1996 to command and control all Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS) sets worldwide. The Department of the Army established the Army War Reserve Support Command (AWRSPTCMD) to serve as the Army's centralized executing agent for all APS. The command officially stood up on Nov. 25, 1996.

The AWRSPTCMD began organizing and implementing the APS mission through its worldwide field organizational network. The AWRSPTCMD transitioned to the Field Support Command (FSC) on March 31, 2000. The U.S. Army Field Support Command (FSC), headquartered at Rock Island, Illinois, was a one-star command that reported to the commander, Operations Support Command. Within FSC, there were six subordinate organizations: AMC-CONUS, AMC Forward-Europe, AMC Forward-Far East and AMC Forward-Southwest Asia, plus AMC Combat Equipment Group-Europe (AMC CEG-E) and AMC Combat Equipment Group-Afloat (AMC CEG-A), each



WORLD CLASS ATHLETE PROGRAM

The mission of the WCAP is to provide outstanding Soldier-athletes the support and training to compete and succeed in national and international competitions leading to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, while maintaining a professional military career. Since 1948, 476 Soldiers have represented the United States at the Summer and Winter Olympic & Paralympic Games as athletes and coaches, earning 118 medals in a variety of sports. Since its inception in 1997, 77 Soldier-athletes assigned to the WCAP have participated in the Summer and Winter Olympic & Paralympic Games winning gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals. For more information about WCAP, go to <http://www.armymwr.com/wcap/default.aspx> or call 719-526-3908.



headed by a command-designated colonel, who reported directly to the commander, Field Support Command.

During Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, FSC continued to mature into its role as the logistics integrator for all theaters. The growth was most obvious in Southwest Asia as the brigades headquartered at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, and Balad, Iraq, steadily continued to expand in mission, size and execution. On Oct. 1, 2004, four AMC forward units were redesignated as Army Field Support Brigades (AFSB); this included AFSB-SWA (now 401st AFSB in Kuwait); 402nd AFSB currently in transition from Kuwait to Hawaii; 405th AFSB headquartered in Europe; and 403rd AFSB in Korea. In addition, in March 2005, AFSBs CONUS East and CONUS West were formed out of the former AMC-CONUS to provide support to forces stationed in within the U.S. CONUS East (now 406th AFSB) established operations at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, while CONUS West (now 407th AFSB) set up at Fort Hood, Texas.

With the expanding role for FSC, AMC consolidated command and control by assigning the LAOs in CONUS to the AFSB in their respective areas of operation. At the same time FSC units supporting the development and deployment of Stryker units from Fort Lewis transformed into AFSB Stryker, later redesignated AFSB Pacific (now 404th AFSB). Official name changes caught up with rapid transformation in August 2005. By the end of fiscal 2005, AFSC had seven AFSBs providing support to forces in the field. Only AFSB CONUS East and West were completely new — the other five brigades were simply transformations from the AMC Forward or LSE configuration. One of the most significant challenges facing FSC was the maintenance and accountability of left behind equipment (LBE) and force generation requirements to meet demands of the theater combatant commander. To leverage existing CONUS-based structures and synchronize other AMC entities in support of the growing LBE and force generation missions, AMC redesignated the LAOs as provisional battalions. On June 7, 2006, the colors of the newly designated battalions were uncased as were the official colors of the redesignated 407th AFSB (formerly AFSB CONUS-West). As the first provisional Army field support battalion activated, the LAO at Fort Carson received the designation 1/407th AFSB and picked up the tag line “Always First.” On Oct. 1, 2006 The U.S. Army Sustainment

Command (ASC) activated and the U.S. Army Field Support Command was inactivated. More than a name change, the unit transformed and gained missions to become the CONUS Theater Support Command while also maintaining the seven globally deployed and CONUS based Army Field Support Brigades.

On June 1, 2008, 1/407th AFSB was redesignated as AFSBn-Carson (Provisional). The provisional designation was changed Oct. 4, 2009, with the establishment of the AFSBns as permanent in accordance with permanent order 198-01. AFSBn-Carson’s structure, through fiscal 2012, included brigade logistics support teams (BLST) in direct support to each of the four brigade combat teams (BCTs) of the 4th Infantry Division, a BLST designated for the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Fort Sill, Oklahoma) and the logistics support team (LST), Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Due to logical proximity, on April 1, 2015 LST-Sill was detached from AFSBn-Carson and reassigned under AFSBn-Hood. This move facilitated timely support to the customer base and expedited reporting.

In 2015 the 4th Infantry Division reorganized, eliminating its 2nd Brigade, adding a Division Artillery (DIVARTY) and reflagging its 4th Brigade as the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT). The 4th Infantry Division (“Iron Horse” Division) is currently composed of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, (Raiders); the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, (Warhorse); the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) (Iron Brigade); the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) (Iron Eagles); and the 4th Sustainment Brigade (Rough Riders). In support of this reorganization, AFSBn-Carson also reorganized and implemented the area logistics support team (ALST) to support the 4th Sustainment Brigade and the remaining separate battalions on Fort Carson.

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U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY, FORT CARSON

Fort Carson’s original hospital was erected in 1942 and was located between what is now Prussman Boulevard and Woodfill Road. It was made of cinderblock construction and painted buff. The ward buildings were two stories, one ward per floor, with a total of 24 buildings and 48 wards. The buildings were connected with covered cement block corridors. The hospital was designed for a normal bed capacity of 1,726 with an expansion capacity of 2,000 beds.

In July 1942, the hospital was organized as an Army Service Forces Station Hospital with a bed authorization varying from 600 to 1,200, depending on fluctuations in troop density. Army Service Forces Unit #5022 operated the hospital. The ASU number was an administrative designation for the unit, but the organization was usually referred to as U.S. Army Hospital Camp Fort Carson.

In September 1944, it was activated as a convalescent hospital. This facility and the station hospital already in existence provided treatment for an average 4,500 patients. In January 1945, it was redesignated as the U.S. Army General Hospital, Camp Carson, and included a convalescent hospital. The patient load gradually diminished, and by April 1946, the general hospital and the convalescent hospital were inactivated and the station hospital re-established with a 400-bed authorization.

In May 1946, the Veterans Administration contracted for 100 of the station hospital’s beds. The need for bed capacity decreased after the cessation of hostilities in World War II, and by July 1947, the requirement for the Veterans Administration contract beds was eliminated. The station hospital was reduced to 100 authorized beds. This level remained in effect from 1948 to 1949.

The bed capacity of the hospital was increased to 400 because of the Korean conflict in July 1950. In February 1951, it was designated a specialized treatment center for orthopedic, psychiatric and neurological cases. In early 1952, the additional mission of a specialized treatment center for tuberculosis was added.

A 1951 report mentions the attachment of the 807th Station Hospital (300 bed capacity) from the Army Reserves. The 807th was under the operational control of the U.S. Army Hospital and ran a dispensary. Beginning with the



1955 report, the 807th is no longer mentioned and the 48th Field Hospital is mentioned as attached but only for training, not under the operational control of the U.S. Army Hospital.

The need for specialization gradually diminished, and only the mission of a Class I station hospital existed by March 1, 1954.

In 1955, when the Army Medical Department was redesignated the Army Medical Service (AMEDS), the Army Service Unit designation went away. For a couple years, records continued to mention "SU 5022" but after only mention AMEDS Activities, Fort Carson. In 1968, the Army Medical Service was redesignated the Army Medical Department and AMEDS Activities became Medical Department Activities - MEDDACs. After the establishment of the Health Services Command in 1973, the hospital unit was officially redesignated as the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Carson, with its Soldiers assigned to a medical company. HSC was eventually reorganized to become the U.S. Army Medical Command, and the Western Regional Medical Command was later established as an intermediary command and control organization between the USAMEDCOM and the USAMEDDAC, Fort Carson.

The USAMEDDAC-Fort Carson's mission remained the same until April 1968, when the hospital was given the additional responsibility of providing care for Vietnam War returnees. The bed capacity was increased to 340 on Oct. 1, 1968.

The post-Vietnam drawdown saw doctor shortages in the active force and fostered the routine use of large numbers of civilian health care providers in Army medical treatment facilities.

In 1970, planning began for the new Fort Carson Hospital. It was dedicated on June 5, 1986, and occupied in July. Evans Army Community Hospital is named in honor of Spec. 4 Donald W. Evans Jr., a member of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. Evans was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at Tri Tam, Republic of Vietnam, where he gave his life while administering medical aid to his fellow Soldiers.

The hospital is comprised of two distinct buildings separated by a glass-covered common area or atrium. The five-story tower on the north side of the hospital houses all inpatient units, the operating suite, the labor/delivery suite, nursery, radiology, emergency room and the nutrition care division. The two-story clinic building contains a family medicine clinic and other outpatient clinics. The atrium, which



provides the main entries into the hospital, also houses patient services, such as an outpatient pharmacy, admissions and dispositions, the hospital treasurer, a gift shop and a chapel.

Adjacent to the hospital is the Woods Soldier Family Care Center. This is named for Sgt. Eric P. Woods, who served as a combat medic with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and was killed in action in July 2005 during combat operations in Iraq. The WSFCC houses numerous outpatient medical clinics, outpatient records, physical therapy, a family medicine clinic and a dental clinic.

The USAMEDDAC also operates the Mountain Post Behavioral Health Clinic, Robinson Clinic, five Embedded Behavioral Health Teams/Clinics and the Warrior Recovery Center.

In 2007, the USAMEDCOM established a Fort Carson Warrior Transition Battalion under the command of USAMEDDAC.

The USAMEDDAC currently employs about 2,300 military and civilian staff professionals who serve a population of about 70,000 enrolled TRICARE beneficiaries from all military services, family members and retirees.

Each day, USAMEDDAC supports about 2,500 outpatient visits, 19 inpatients, five births, 86 Emergency Room visits, 19 operating room cases and fills 4,447 prescriptions.

The hospital was first accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations in October 1954. Subsequent surveys have reaffirmed the hospital's full accreditation status.

U.S. ARMY DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY (DENTAC), FORT CARSON

Camp Carson was opened in February of 1942. Health care support to include dental

was provided to the installation via a station hospital which was activated in June of the same year. At that time, the senior dental officer reported directly to the installation commander. In 1969, with the establishment of the Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC), the senior dental officer was designated as the director of Dental Services and reported to the hospital commander. On March 24, 1978, the Dental Health Activity (DENTAC) as it exists today was established. The DENTAC commander is again directly responsible to the local installation commanding general.

The DENTAC's mission is to provide warrior-focused oral health with an exceptional team of professionals, dedicated to excellence and unified in service. The DENTAC's vision is to be "America's Leader in Warrior Centered Oral Health."

Physically, the DENTAC is spread over six structures. In addition to the headquarters area, there are five dental clinics: the Oral Surgery Clinic and Dental Clinic #2, located in Evans Army Community Hospital; Smith Dental Clinic; Larson Dental Clinic; and Dental Clinic #1.

The DENTAC provides advanced training in general dentistry through a one-year program for up to eight residents. The Mountain Post has four dental officers directly assigned to the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team and 10th Special Forces Group.

The Dental Activity provides the full complement of diagnostic care, treatment and consultation services to the active-duty Soldiers of the Mountain Post.



HISTORY

FORT CARSON HISTORY

Fort Carson was established in 1942, following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. The city of Colorado Springs purchased land south of the city and donated it to the War Department. Construction began immediately, and the first building, the camp headquarters, was completed Jan. 31, 1942.

Camp Carson was named in honor of legendary Army scout Gen. Christopher "Kit" Carson, who explored much of the West in the 1800s.

At the construction's peak, approximately 11,500 workers were employed on various construction projects at the new camp. Facilities were provided for 35,173 enlisted men, 1,818 officers and 592 nurses. Nearly all of the buildings were of the mobilization-type construction with wood-sided exteriors. The hospital was of the semipermanent-type concrete block and had space for 1,726 beds with an expansion capability to 2,000 beds.

The 89th Infantry Division was the first major unit to be activated at Camp Carson. During World War II, more than 100,000 Soldiers trained here. Along with three other infantry divisions — the 71st, 104th and 10th Mountain — more than 125 units were activated at Camp Carson, and more than 100 others were transferred to the Mountain Post from other installations. Nurses, cooks, mule packers, tank battalions, a Greek infantry battalion and an Italian ordnance company — literally Soldiers of every type — trained at Camp Carson during the war years.

Camp Carson was also home to nearly 9,000 Axis prisoners of war — mostly Italians and Germans. The internment camp at Camp Carson

opened on the first day of 1943. These POWs alleviated the manpower shortage in Colorado by doing general farm work, canning tomatoes, cutting corn and aiding in logging operations on Colorado's Western Slope.

Between 1942 and 1956, pack mules were a common sight at Camp Carson. The first shipment arrived by train from Nebraska in July 1942. The mules were used by field artillery (pack) battalions to carry equipment, weapons and supplies over mountainous terrain.

The most famous of these animals was Hambone, the pride of the 4th Field Artillery. For 13 years he carried first sergeants up Ute Pass to Camp Hale. Camp Hale, located near Leadville, Colorado, was where the Army conducted cold weather and mountain warfare training. Hambone died in March 1971, and was buried with full military honors.

Activity at Camp Carson was greatly reduced following the end of World War II. By April 1946, the military strength at the Mountain Post had dropped to about 600. It appeared Camp Carson would be closed.

With the onset of the Korean War, however, activity once again increased. Many Reserve and National Guard units were called to active duty and stationed at Camp Carson.

Camp Carson became Fort Carson in 1954. In the 1960s, mechanized units were assigned to the Mountain Post. At this time, additional training land was purchased, bringing the post to its current size of 137,403 acres. An additional training area, comprising 235,300 acres, was purchased in September 1983. Named the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site, this training area is about 150 miles to the southeast and is used for large force-on-force maneuver training. Comprehensive maneuver and live-fire



training also occurs downrange at Fort Carson. Exercises and deployments continually hone the skills of Fort Carson Soldiers. When not deployed, Soldiers train annually at Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site and the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

Additionally, units participate in joint exercises around the world, including Central and Southern Africa, Europe and Southwest Asia. Since 2003, most Fort Carson units have been deployed in support of the global war on terrorism. In 1999, Fort Carson became the home of the first Active Component-Reserve Component Division in the U.S. Army when the 7th Infantry Division was reactivated. In 2006, the 7th ID was inactivated when Division West, First Army, was activated, with the mission to be responsible for the readiness and training of Army Reserve and National Guard units west of the Mississippi. In 2009, Division West moved to Fort Hood, Texas. At the same time, the 4th Infantry Division, which had just returned to Fort Hood from deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, relocated back to Fort Carson, where it had been previously headquartered from 1970 to 1995.

In 1999, Fort Carson became the first U.S. Army installation to privatize its Family housing. JA Jones LLC assumed responsibility for

all Family housing, building new houses and renovating the older ones. In 2008, the current management company, Balfour Beatty Communities, assumed the responsibility for Fort Carson's housing.

Throughout its history, Fort Carson Soldiers and units have been active, supporting various community events throughout Colorado. Soldiers from the Mountain Post have conducted firefighting missions in the national forests, search-and-rescue missions throughout the state and various other emergency operations. The Mountain Post supports more than 250 community events, such as parades, concerts and fairs every year.

In April 2011, Fort Carson was designated as one of two Army "Net Zero" installations that will pursue net zero energy, water and waste by 2020.

Also in April 2011, it was announced that 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson would receive a combat aviation brigade, and the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade stood up in July 2013.

The 4th Infantry Division received the Army's Regionally Allocated Forces mission in Europe and arrived in Europe on Feb. 13, 2015. The 4th Infantry Division Mission Command Element serves as an intermediate headquarters

for U.S. Army Europe, operating in support of Atlantic Resolve.

In 2016, Fort Carson opened the Mountain Post Soldier Center, an innovative facility that houses virtually all of the services Soldiers need to prepare for deployment, inprocess and outprocess, including the Soldier Readiness Processing, finance, medical requirements, a pharmacy, a Department of Motor Vehicles branch, orders and many more. The facility is located in building 1525 on Wetzel Avenue.

In 2017, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 4th Inf. Div with a variety of large-scale events on Fort Carson, such as Iron Horse Week activities and a concert open to the public. Colorado Springs also recognized the division's centennial during a Veterans Day Parade. In 2018, Department of the Army announced the conversion of the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team and that a new 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB) will be stood up at Fort Carson. SFABs are specialized units whose core mission is to conduct advise-and-assist operations with allied and partner nations. Also in 2018, 4th Infantry Division headquarters deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Freedom's Sentinel.





TRAINING AREAS

DOWNRANGE AT FORT CARSON

Fort Carson is bounded on the east by Interstate 25 and on the west by Colorado Highway 115. The installation extends from the main post, which is just south of Academy Boulevard, to its southern perimeter, which lies just north of the communities of Pueblo West and Penrose.

Fort Carson consists of a total of 137,404 acres including the cantonment area (main post) and training areas downrange. The training areas include a wide variety of terrain and vegetation types. There are open prairies and heavily forested areas. There are lowlands, wetlands and creek drainages as well as mountainous and hilly areas.

Fort Carson accommodates a wide variety of facilities and infrastructure for maneuver (both mounted and dismounted), airborne and weapons training. Weapons training includes small arms qualification and tank, artillery and helicopter gunnery.

There are two impact areas at Fort Carson: a small non-duddled impact area (in the north) for small arms and a large duddled impact area (in the south), which supports artillery, tank, Bradley, Stryker and other gunnery ranges. The large impact area supports mortar firing, cannon artillery, aircraft bombing and Multiple Launched Rocket System firing.

Tank, Bradley and Stryker gunnery is typically conducted on Multi-Purpose Range Complex North for the preliminary tables and the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex South for qualification gunnery and advanced firing tables.

There are 56 training areas and 84 ranges located at Fort Carson, which support a variety of training. Consult Fort Carson Regulation 385-63 for a complete listing of ranges, training areas and other facilities. Range Control, in Building 9550 at the intersection of Butts Road and Route 2 (Wilderness Road), can provide complete information on training areas and range use. Call Range Control at 526-5597.

PIÑON CANYON MANEUVER SITE

In 1983, Fort Carson acquired 235,300 acres of training land on the west side of the Purgatoire River in southeast Colorado, called the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. PCMS is the primary maneuver area for Fort Carson, about 150 miles to the southeast off of Highway 350.

PCMS accommodates a full range of maneuver training, including brigade-level, force-on-force maneuvers. PCMS also provides excellent dismounted maneuver terrain in the rugged canyons and arroyos that empty into the nearby Purgatoire River.

Units have been training at PCMS since 1985, and major training rotations typically have taken place there as units prepare for the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, or Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana, and deployment to overseas theaters of operation.

PCMS provides Fort Carson Soldiers and units a unique training resource. The semi-arid, high desert climate allows for year-round training, and wide-open spaces allow battalions and brigades to deploy using current doctrinal distances. Units typically transport heavy equipment by rail



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to PCMS and conduct convoys with Strykers and other wheeled vehicles. PCMS can also support a full range of aviation training requirements.

Facilities at the training site include an austere cantonment area, a 160-car capable railhead, showers, range control facility, helipads, C-130 capable Combat Assault Air Strip and a fire station.

As is the case at Fort Carson, environmental stewardship of the natural and cultural resources at PCMS is tremendously important.

The Directorate of Public Works oversees the environmental management of Fort Carson and PCMS training areas and conducts environmental protection officer and cultural awareness training for Soldiers and garrison personnel. The DPW also has an emergency response/spill response team that is employed if an environmental emergency arises.

Fort Carson and PCMS resource sustainment programs are divided into media areas

including the study and protection of wildlife, environmental compliance, plant and soil conservation, water quality and cultural resources. Fort Carson and PCMS have more than 8,000 cultural resource properties, many of which must be protected per federal statute and regulations.

For more information regarding environmental programs at Fort Carson, call 526-2752. For more information regarding environmental programs at PCMS, call 503-6526.





FORT CARSON SOLDIER FOR LIFE – TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SFL-TAP) AND CAREER SKILLS PROGRAM (CSP)

SFL-TAP's mission is to synchronize Army efforts to successfully transition Soldiers from active duty to the civilian sector by preparing them to be career-ready, preparing for educational or entrepreneurial opportunities, and tactically connecting them to opportunities that lead to civilian success.

SFL-TAP is a commander's program and a Soldier's responsibility. The program provides transition assistance services and helps all transitioning Soldiers discover knowledge, skills and resources necessary to be competitive and successful in the global workforce. On average, roughly 64,000 enlisted Soldiers transition out of the Regular Army each year with over 4,500 from Fort Carson alone.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), implemented on Oct. 1, 2019, has directed some changes to SFL-TAP. These changes include the following:

- Mandates that Soldiers begin the TAP process no later than 365 days before anticipated transition from active duty. The previous statutory requirement was for eligible Soldiers to receive pre-separation counseling not later than 90 days before anticipated transition.
- Soldiers will be assigned to a Career Readiness Tier based on the individual's preparedness to successfully transition as determined by the initial counseling and assessment.
- Other mandatory components of TAP consist of 1) Pre-separation/transition counseling, 2) DOD Pre-separation training day,

3) VA Benefits and Services – one day of training, 4) DOL Employment – one day, 5) Capstone/Individual Transition Plan review. Additional two-day career tracks may be required based on tier assignment.

- Additional two-day tracks include: 1) DOL Employment Workshop, 2) DOL Vocational Workshop, 3) Higher Education Workshop, and 4) Entrepreneurship Workshop.

The overarching benefit to the NDAA 2019 changes is that SFL-TAP will no longer be a one-size fits all approach. The individual assessment and tier assignment will provide a more holistic approach based on individual needs.

The Fort Carson CSP complements SFL-TAP by providing Soldiers the opportunity to participate in free to minimal cost career readiness and training programs that are designed to bridge the gap in the knowledge and skills that a Soldier has and what in-demand industries are looking for. To date, over 17,500 Soldiers have completed a CSP across the Army with over 1,500 at Fort Carson. More than 93 percent of those completing a program have been placed directly into family-wage grade careers.

SFL-TAP offers a full range of networking opportunities, hiring events, employer days, resource fairs and more. The center is open from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about SFL-TAP and upcoming events, call 526-1001/1002.



RECREATION AND LEISURE

OUTDOOR RECREATION COMPLEX

The Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation Complex is in building 2429, on the corner of Specker and Wetzel avenues. The complex houses the Equipment Checkout Center, Adventure Programs and Education, Warrior Adventure Quest, Mountain Post Outfitters retail store and a 28-foot-tall and 43-foot-wide indoor climbing wall. Located across the street from the complex is the disc golf course. The complex also manages the three recreational vehicle storage lots around the Mountain Post. For the latest program information, visit the DFMWR website at carson.armymwr.com or the Outdoor Recreation Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mountainpostrecreation. To contact the Outdoor Recreation director, call 526-3881.

EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT CENTER (ECC)/ RV STORAGE/IRON HORSE PARK

The Equipment Checkout Center has a wide variety of recreation equipment available for rent at reasonable usage fees — everything from skis and snowboards to campers and boats. If it can be used outdoors, odds are the Equipment Checkout Center has it. The fully equipped maintenance shop can handle all the ski and snowboard tuning help that people with their own winter equipment may need. The ECC also manages the RV storage spots, available at three secure, gated lots throughout post.

Fort Carson ECC, which is on the corner of Specker and Wetzel avenues, reserves Iron Horse Park, a multipurpose outdoor community recreation area. The park includes several playgrounds, picnic areas, grills,

softball fields and a fitness trail. A 1.2-mile, multi-use trail for mountain bikers, hikers, runners and dog-walkers is centered in the park. Iron Horse Park is a place to have fun as a family or unit.

For more information on the Equipment Checkout Center and RV Storage Lot, call 526-1993.

ADVENTURE PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION (APE)

The Adventure Program and Education offers a variety of programs designed for all members of the Fort Carson community. Programs are designed for everyone, from beginners to experts. Detail specific offerings available at the facility, in the Outdoor Recreation Complex at 7093 Specker Ave., building 2429.

Activities and programs offered by APE range from whitewater rafting to skiing, snowboarding to ice climbing and cross country skiing to snowshoeing. Customized trips and chartered bus rentals can also be arranged for units or groups. For more information, call 526-5176.

WARRIOR ADVENTURE QUEST - WAQ

Warrior Adventure Quest is a training tool designed to introduce recently redeployed Soldiers to activities that serve as alternatives to potentially destructive behaviors.

The program combines high-adventure recreation activities (such as whitewater rafting, rock climbing, kayaking, paintball, skiing and snowboarding) with a leader-led, after-action debrief developed by the Army medical professionals.



SKIING

There's a story going around that everyone in Colorado skis. Not true, but even most of those who don't ski love weekends at one of Colorado's internationally known resorts. Best of all, most of the ski areas are within a reasonable drive from Colorado Springs. With the large number of ski areas to choose from, people are sure to find one that suits their skills and budgets.

Ski areas are below in alphabetical order, including distance in miles from Colorado Springs:

Arapahoe Basin	130
Aspen Highlands	156
Beaver Creek	173
Breckenridge	106
Buttermilk	160
Copper Mountain	145
Crested Butte	196
Purgatory	340
Eldora	115
Keystone	141
Loveland	112
Monarch	102
Powderhorn	312
Silverton Mountain	290
Ski Cooper	128
Snowmass	163
SolVista	153
Steamboat	228
Sunlight	247
Telluride	296
Vail	164
Winter Park	132
Wolf Creek	262

All of the activities are structured and monitored by Outdoor Recreation experts in a controlled setting, within 120 days of returning from combat or a major training lasting longer than 30 days. The goal is to prevent Soldiers from seeking high-risk adventures on their own by introducing them to safe, structured adventure activities, while keeping them surrounded by "teammates" who help ensure safety remains a top consideration.

WAQ incorporates resiliency training to help redeployed troops adjust to a calmer-paced lifestyle than the one they left behind. Experts said such psychological resilience-building programs help Soldiers recognize and respond to fear during combat and mitigate the cumulative effects of a sustained deployment. They help Soldiers mentally prepare to reintegrate during the redeployment, post-deployment and RESET portions of the deployment cycle.

Soldiers who participate in WAQ are expected to incorporate team building with skills learned or reinforced during the program and walk away with a newfound passion for outdoor activities that can enhance their overall quality of life.

MOUNTAIN POST OUTFITTERS

The Mountain Post Outfitters store, inside Outdoor Recreation, offers items and apparel for sale from the cold winter months to the sunny summer days. Mountain Post Outfitters stocks high-quality items, sold tax-free at competitive prices. Stop by the Outdoor Recreation Complex to see firsthand all the ways the Outdoor Recreation team can help people enjoy the Mountain Post and its surrounding areas.

Hours for Outdoor Recreation are Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 526-1993.

FORT CARSON LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICES -LTS

Fort Carson Leisure Travel Services is at 6371 Specker Ave. building 1532 inside The HUB. Leisure Travel Services recently transitioned from being under Recreation and is now under the Business Division. Fort Carson LTS' new site is in a centrally located area which makes it easily accessible to customers.

Hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Saturday, Sunday and all training and federal holidays.

Fort Carson ITR offers a variety of out-of-state attraction and local attraction tickets, airline tickets, train and vacation packages as well as hotels and lodging around the world. The staff is always looking to bring any new fun and exciting tickets and adventures to offer to military Families and Soldiers, retirees and DOD employees. Fort Carson LTS is the place to go for military discounts on daily ski lift and ski season passes and lodging at ski resorts.

FITNESS CENTERS AND SWIMMING POOLS

Fort Carson has two indoor swimming pools, one outdoor swimming pool, 16 softball fields, three running tracks and four physical fitness centers. Exercise and weightlifting equipment, racquetball and basketball courts, saunas and hot tubs may be found in the fitness centers. These facilities provide an environment for





Fort Carson personnel to pursue their personal fitness goals. DFMWR also offers swim lessons in its pools and 32 aerobic classes throughout its fitness centers.

For more information, including operating hours, call:

- Ivy Fitness Center,
building 1925.....526-2706
- Garcia Fitness Center,
building 1856..... 526-3944
- McKibben Fitness Center,
building 1160..... 526-2597
- Waller Fitness Center,
building 2357.....526-2742
- Nelson Indoor swimming pool,
building 1446.....526-3107
- Ellis Outdoor swimming pool,
building 1231.....526-4456
- Ivy Indoor swimming pool,
building 1925.....526-4093

SPORTS

Intramural sports programs are available postwide in a number of sports, including flag football, soccer, volleyball, basketball and softball. Information can be obtained at any physical fitness center or by calling 331-2323.

CHEYENNE SHADOWS GOLF COURSE

Set in the shadow of Cheyenne Mountain, Fort Carson's golf course is a breathtaking,

18-hole championship course. The clubhouse and pro shop are on Titus Boulevard. Year-round golf is available at one of the finest golf courses in the area. Private and group lessons are available at the driving range/learning center. Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course offers a state-of-the-art clubhouse/pro shop that is able to fit all golfing needs and can special order items. Cheyenne Shadows also offers Coyote Run Junior Golf Course for those upcoming golf stars.

Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course is also home to a state-of-the-art onboard global positioning system that gives its customers course-specific golf tips, distance to hole, pin placement and much more. Our world-class fitting system is available year-round in our indoor learning center. Unlike many indoor spaces, we are able to hit full golf shots from a heated bay. Additionally, handicap-accessible golf carts are available for those with limited mobility. Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course is open to the public and accepts tee times on weekends and holidays. Mulligans serves beverages and a limited menu. Call 526-4102.

BOWLING CENTER

Thunder Alley Bowling Center is a 36-lane public facility. The center is open six days a week with dollar games on Wednesdays from 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesday nights are 50s Night with



50-cent games and 50-cent hot dogs from 6 to 9 p.m. The bowling center also offers bumper bowling for children; birthday parties can be held with prior reservation. Black lights and music make Fort Carson's Thunder Alley the place to be every Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. The bowling center is in building 1511, on Chiles Avenue. Hours are Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. with Red Pin Bowling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday 1 to 9 p.m. The Strike Zone offers fresh-made sandwiches and fries. Call 526-5542 for more information.

AUTO CRAFT CENTER

The Auto Craft Center is on Wetzel Avenue, building 2427 and offers 33 work bays. Whether people need to rebuild an engine, change tires, change oil, work on a motorcycle or touch up a car with a bit of bodywork and paint, they can do it with competitive rates and have a certified instructor on hand for assistance. Full lines of automotive necessities (oil, filters, antifreeze, brake fluid and more) are at their fingertips. The Auto Craft Center also has a full-service auto painting facility. Automotive finishes are available in every color, with alternate color matches for your precise finish. Paint color formula equipment and a computerized





color database for imports and domestics awaits your every painting need. Stop by and let the skilled technicians show you how. Hours are Wednesday-Friday noon to 8 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Monday-Tuesday and holidays. Call 526-2147.

LIBRARY

Grant Library is a full-service library open five days a week. It is in building 1528 on Flint Street next to the 4th Infantry Division headquarters. In addition to a full book selection, patrons can check out a varied selection of DVD movies, CDs and audio books. Popular magazines and newspapers are also available, including a complete archive of the Fort Carson Mountaineer from 1942 to present. A separate children's room has books, magazines and computers loaded with games and stories. A weekly Storytime program for toddlers and preschoolers takes place Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., September-May. Other programs are scheduled monthly. In addition to the computers hosting the online catalog and other resources, the library has internet and Microsoft Office software-loaded computers available, as well as free WiFi for those with their own laptops. Check out Grant Library for free programs and resources daily. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 526-2350.



SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

MWR Fort Carson hosts several events every year; such as the Holiday Tree Lighting, Color Fest, Freedom Fest, Spartan Race and much more. For more information about Special Events and Programs, see the DFMWR page in The Mountaineer, visit <http://carson.armymwr.com> or call 526-4494/4495.

BOSS

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program holds installation monthly meetings at The Hub with brigade, battalion and unit BOSS representatives. The BOSS program provides a variety of recreational programs, trips and volunteer opportunities for single Soldiers. The BOSS office is inside the HUB, for more information call 719-338-0493.

ELKHORN CATERING & CONFERENCE CENTER

The Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center is a 24,000-square-foot facility able to provide full service catering and meeting services for events up to 350 people. The Elkhorn is used for a multitude of events: wedding receptions, changes of command, meetings and conferences, reunions, holiday parties and more. It provides a variety of complimentary amenities for meetings and conferences to include premium coffee, ice water, linens, set-up, clean up, fax and copier use, and audio-visual equipment (LCD projectors, large-screen televisions, video recorders, sound system capabilities, microphone and podium). Catered events are done with a creative touch by our award-winning team of hospitality professionals.

The Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center is dedicated to exceeding guest expectations. Its dedicated personnel create buffet displays and action stations sure to amaze the host as well as the party attendees. Some





of the specialty theme events used in the past included a country barbeque, Hawaiian luau, family carnival night and Santa at the Elkhorn. For menu specifics, room package options and room availability, call 526-4071.

THE HUB: LTS, BOSS AND WARRIOR FAMILY COMMUNITY

The Hub Conference room can seat up to 250 individuals. Included with the reservation of the conference room are audio-visual equipment (LCD projectors, sound system capabilities, microphone and podium). LTS is conveniently located inside The Hub. Call 526-4071 for more information.

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN SHOOTING COMPLEX

The Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex (CMSC) is a joint project between the U.S. Army, El Paso County, the El Paso County Sheriff, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the U.S. Forest Service. The 400-acre site sits on Army land near Interstate 25 just off mile marker 132. The entrance is just outside Fort Carson's Gate 20 security perimeter. Shooters using the range will not have to enter Fort Carson to use the range.

The Range Complex is a three-phase project. Phase one is now complete and includes 120 shooting positions across seven ranges. One range is designated as a Law Enforcement



Range and will be available to the public only on weekends. One range is a combination rifle and pistol range. Two ranges are designated specifically for rifles and allow for firing points between 100 and 600 yards. Two ranges are designed specifically for pistols and allow for firing points up to 50 yards. One range is designated as an instructional range.

The second phase of the project will include the construction of two skeet and trap ranges in the near term with an additional three

ranges planned in the future as well as a clubhouse. The clubhouse will include a retail store, classrooms and offices. Completion of the project will occur during the third phase with the addition of a restaurant.

For more information on the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex, call 896-6196 and for the latest program information go to the websites at www.mwrfortcarson.com or <https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/cheyenne-mountain-shooting-complex>.





Downtown Colorado Springs

SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

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COLORADO HISTORY

What is now called Colorado was originally part of New Spain. The Spanish heritage lingers on in the names of cities and places, particularly in southern Colorado. The Sangre de Cristo Mountains (Blood of Christ Mountains) and Trinidad, named for the Trinity, are examples. Colorado is the Spanish word for “red.” The name is taken from the red-colored Colorado River. The Spainards heard from Native Americans that there was gold in the mountains, but they did not search for it. As the Spanish claim became weaker, parts of the area were ceded to France. The French heritage can be traced through names remaining on Colorado maps, such as Lafayette, LaSalle, Cache La Poudre and Louviers, mainly in the northern part of the state.

After the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from the French in 1803, Lt. Zebulon Pike was sent to explore the new piece of real estate for his country. While in the area, Pike tried and failed to climb the mountain named after him. He reported that no one would ever climb that mountain and that there was a good possibility of gold in the area.

In 1858, settlers from the east were drawn to the area in search of gold. In 1859, the El Paso Claims Club was formed to establish law and order in the territory. The club also laid out Colorado City and started selling building sites. Colorado City residents made their living off the miners and small settlements in the mountains, selling provisions and entertainment.

On Aug. 1, 1876, President Ulysses S. Grant signed a proclamation admitting Colorado in the Union as the 38th state.

COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado Springs is the second-largest city in Colorado and one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation. Founded in 1871, by Gen. William Jackson Palmer, the city was planned to attract people of means and social standing with “good moral character and strict temperance habits.” Since the wide-open town of Colorado City was right next door with its saloons and “working ladies,” the general did not have quite the impact on the Pikes Peak area he would have liked.

The region prospered when gold was discovered in nearby Cripple Creek in 1891. Colorado Springs became a depository and a favorite residence of those with newfound wealth. Following the decline of the Cripple Creek gold fortunes around 1909, the Colorado Springs economy declined. Civic-minded leaders were determined that tourism would be the city’s new gold mine.

Led by Spencer Penrose, who built the beautiful Broadmoor Hotel and graded a road to the top of Pikes Peak, the city rapidly capitalized on its beauty. Colorado Springs quickly became a resort town. As tourism declined due to the Depression and the beginning of World War II, city leaders again looked for a means to save their beautiful city. This time it was decided a military camp was the answer. Congress approved the establishment of a camp in 1942, and almost overnight, Colorado Springs had more Soldiers than residents.

That was the end of the city as a sleepy little tourist town and the beginning of the city that has been referred to as the “military hub



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of the nation.” Since Camp Carson was built in 1942, Colorado Springs has become home to Peterson Air Force Base, the United States Air Force Academy, the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Cheyenne Mountain, Schriever Air Force Base and the Department of Homeland Security. In return, these commands have attracted the country’s high-tech industries to Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs’ current population is about 456,000.

MANITOU SPRINGS

Before the coming of miners, gamblers, speculators and the like, the area of beautiful rocks, canyons and natural springs at the base of Pikes Peak was sacred to many Native American tribes. They believed the water had supernatural powers.

Settlers believed the springs had a great power, too, and proceeded to develop the area into a successful health spa, including tuberculosis clinics. Manitou Springs, in the late 19th century, was a leading national spa with the tourist trade as its main source of income. Named a historical district in the 1980s, the city’s Victorian architecture and rustic charm continue to attract visitors from across the country.



CRIPPLE CREEK AND VICTOR

People always knew there was gold in the mountains. That’s why so many spent so much time looking for it. But it wasn’t until 1890, when a prospector named Bob Womack made the first big strike in Poverty Gulch that the real gold rush was on. Overnight, 12 towns sprang into existence, and Cripple Creek grew from nothing to a population well over 60,000. Everyone wanted gold and was determined to strike it rich.

It’s hard to imagine that mad and crazy scramble now. Cripple Creek and Victor are the only two towns left. As for the mines, the Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine is still open for tours. Cripple Creek residents have decided there’s gold in “them there tourists and gamblers.” Much of the town has been restored and turned into low-stakes gambling casinos.

Both visitors and residents have a lot of fun reflecting on the gold rush days. Victor, the other surviving settlement, is a sleepy, little town near Cripple Creek. On a quiet afternoon, it is easy to imagine dance hall girls and miners, drifters and storekeepers, all after elusive wealth. The Cripple Creek and Victor area is still an active mining district.

Investors from around the world have become interested in the renewed exploration and mining activity. Any day now someone could strike it rich and the rush will be on again. After all, there’s still gold in those mountains.

FOUNTAIN AND SECURITY-WIDEFIELD

Founded in 1859 and incorporated in 1903, Fountain is the oldest community in the Pikes Peak area. A supply center and refuge for the early settlers, little remains of the original town. Located east of Fort Carson, Fountain is a popular choice of residence for people assigned to and working at the Mountain Post.

Security-Widefield is between Fountain and Colorado Springs. The small-town atmosphere and close location make this a popular living area.

PUEBLO

The city of Pueblo, 40 miles south of Colorado Springs, takes its name from a fortification built there by fur traders in 1840. The fort was called El Pueblo. Today, Pueblo is a highly diversified metropolitan area with nearly 110,000 people. Pueblo offers a variety of cultural events such as performances by the Pueblo Symphony Orchestra and the Broadway Theatre League, along with concerts at the Pueblo Riverwalk and the University of Southern Colorado.

Since the late 1800s, Pueblo has been the home of the Colorado State Fair. The event attracts a half-million visitors each year. An array of the nation’s top entertainers is on hand at each fair. Horse shows, rodeo performances, concerts and numerous exhibits delight both young and old.





Garden of the Gods

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Every year countless pleasure-seeking tourists discover Pikes Peak country is filled with great things to do. For more than 100 years, the region has been a mecca, attracting people in search of gold, health and natural scenic beauty. For more information, call Fort Carson's Information, Tickets and Registration Office at 719-526-5366 or the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau at 719-635-7506.

CAVE OF THE WINDS

Cave of the Winds is one of America's most spectacular prehistoric natural wonders. The cave is one of the highest caves in the world open to the public. While the attraction was opened in 1881, the caverns started forming more than 200 million years ago. Stalactites, stalagmites and other formations can be seen in the Discovery and Lantern tours. Daily tours of the caverns are available 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the summer and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the winter.

If you're looking for thrills out of the caves, try the Bat-a-Pult. The ride leaves from the rafters of the Cave of the Winds' pavilion, launching participants on a 1,200-foot, round-trip flight across the Williams Canyon. Or, conquer Wind Walker Challenge Course, a three-story obstacle course balanced on the rim of a 600-foot drop into the canyon.

Cave of the Winds is 8 miles west of Colorado Springs off U.S. Highway 24 near Manitou Springs. Call 719-685-5444 or visit www.caveofthewinds.com for more information.

COLORADO SPRINGS FINE ARTS CENTER

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center features not only unique art collections but also a theater and an art school. The center's theater company produces musicals, comedies and dramas, while the Bemis School of Art offers classes to the public.

The center is located at 30 W. Dale St. in Colorado Springs. For more information, call 719-634-5583 or visit www.csfineartscenter.org.

COLORADO SPRINGS WORLD ARENA

Located just north of Fort Carson, the World Arena hosts concerts and sporting and special events throughout the year. Call 719-477-2121 or visit www.worldarena.com for more information.

The arena is also home to the Ice Hall. The hall has been named a U.S. Olympic Training Site for U.S. figure skating and is home to the Colorado College men's hockey team. Public skating lessons, pickup hockey and other skating programs are offered. Call 719-477-2150 or visit www.worldarena.com/icehall for more information.

GARDEN OF THE GODS

The Garden of the Gods is a beautiful view of Mother Nature at her best. Located north of Highway 24 on 30th Street, this city park contains hundreds of natural rock formations such as Kissing Camels and



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Balanced Rock. Visitors are allowed to drive through the area on the roads or hike on the many trails throughout the park.

The Visitor and Nature Center, located at 1805 N. 30th St., features a presentation on the rock formations, a gift shop and hosts periodic free programs. Also in the park is Rock Ledge Ranch historic site. Call 719-634-6666 or visit www.gardenofgods.com for more information.

MANITOU CLIFF DWELLINGS

Opened to the public in 1907, the Manitou Cliff Dwellings bring the wonders of authentic cliff dwelling to the region. The cliff dwellings and Anasazi Museum portray the lives and architectural achievements of the Anasazi Indians of the great cliff dwelling period, 1100 to 1300. To get to the site, travel west on U.S. Highway 24, near Manitou Springs, to 10 Cliff Road. Call 719-685-5242 or visit www.cliffdwellingsmuseum.com for more information.

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

In the southwest corner of the state, not far from the New Mexico-Colorado-Arizona-Utah border, Mesa Verde National Park holds the history of the Ancestral Pueblo people. The park is home to nearly 5,000 archaeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings. Guided



tours of the cliff dwellings are available. Call 970-529-4465 or visit www.nps.gov/meve for more information.

NATIONAL FORESTS

Colorado has more than a dozen national forests and grasslands. Many Forest Service

activities are free, though some require fees or permits. For more information on national forests in Colorado, visit www.fs.fed.us.

NORTH POLE/SANTA'S WORKSHOP

The North Pole is an amusement park just west of Colorado Springs off Highway 24 in Cascade. The park entertains visitors with all things Christmas: carols, elves, Santa and various shows and activities. The park boasts a number of family-friendly rides, including the Candy Cane Coaster, Peppermint Slide and Santa's train. The park is open late May through Dec. 24. For hours and more information, call 719-684-9432 or visit www.northpolecolorado.com.

OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER

Some of the best amateur athletes in the country train in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center. Nearly 200 athletes, representing a dozen sports, currently train at the facility. The visitor center hosts approximately 140,000 visitors each year. Tours of the complex are available Monday through Saturday. Tours are 45 minutes and include a short film and walking tours of the complex. For tour and event information, call 719-866-4618 or visit www.teamusa.org/about-the-usoc/olympic-training-centers

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Whether your interests are in the sheer scenic wonder of Colorado or the fascinating



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Bikes



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history of the state, you will find plenty of both in Colorado. For more information on national parks in Colorado, visit www.nps.gov/state/co. For more information on city parks, trails and open spaces in Colorado Springs, visit the city of Colorado Springs' website at <https://coloradosprings.gov>.

PIKES PEAK

Lt. Zebulon Pike never claimed "his" peak, but another famous explorer, John C. Fremont, built the first trail to its 14,110-foot summit in 1843. After visiting the summit of Pikes Peak, Katharine Lee Bates went back to her hotel room and wrote the words to "America the Beautiful." The Pikes Peak Cog Railroad was completed in 1891. Visitors to the Colorado Springs area can take a scenic three-hour trip up Pikes Peak on the railway. The railway, which rises to an elevation of more than 14,000 feet, has the distinction of reaching the highest altitude of any scenic railway in the world. The old, puffing steam engines have been replaced by powerful diesel engines. Reservations are recommended. Call 719-685-5401 or visit www.cograilway.com for more information.

In 1916, an auto road was completed to the summit. Toll for the 19-mile trip varies depending on the number of people in your party. Partway up the summit is a rest stop with a gift store and hiking areas around three lakes. Call 719-385-7325 or visit www.pikespeak.us.com for more information.

Pikes Peak is also known for its annual Pikes Peak International Hill Climb. The event features automobiles and motorcycles competing in the "Race to the Clouds" championship up the Pikes Peak Highway. For more information, visit www.ppihc.com.

PIONEERS MUSEUM

The museum is a tour into the past of Colorado Springs. History comes alive through period rooms featuring furniture, clothing, tools, firearms, toys, medical encirclements and medicines. The museum also has a variety of rotating exhibits and special events each year. The museum is at 215 S. Tejon St. in Colorado Springs. Call 719-385-5990 or visit www.cspm.org for more information.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Rocky Mountain National Park consists of 415 glacially carved square miles, abundant wildlife, wildflowers, lakes and mountain

Pikes Peak



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Pioneers Museum



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peaks. The park is about 2.5 hours northwest of Colorado Springs, outside the town of Estes Park, which hosts the famous Stanley Hotel, the inspiration for Stephen King's "The Shining." Call 970-586-1206 or visit www.nps.gov/romo for more information.

ROYAL GORGE

Follow Colorado Highway 115 South from Fort Carson to U.S. Highway 50, then head west to Canon City. Here the Royal Gorge Park and Bridge offer stunning views. In the summer of 2013, the park was 90 percent destroyed by fire. Fortunately, the bridge itself suffered only minor damage. Visitors can still enjoy guided tours of the world's highest suspension bridge while construction and rebuilding efforts began in 2014. The park opened Phase 1 of the rebuild in the summer of 2014, which includes a new visitor center, aerial tram and other attractions. For information on the park's tours and schedules, call 719-275-7507 or visit www.royalgorgebridge.com.

SEVEN FALLS

Less than 2 miles from the Broadmoor Hotel on the southwest side of Colorado Springs is Seven Falls. It is one of the area's most famous natural wonders. Water plunges 181 feet over seven separate falls. Due to flooding in 2013, the falls were temporarily closed for rebuilding efforts and reopened in August 2015. For more information, call 719-632-0765 or visit www.sevenfalls.com.

SKY SOX

The Sky Sox are a Triple-A, minor league affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. Playing in the Pacific Coast League, the Sox are usually in contention for the league title, making for many exciting summer nights. The Sky Sox play at Security Service Field, the highest professional baseball park in the U.S. For more information, call 719-597-1449 or visit www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t551.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The United States Air Force Academy is one of Colorado's leading tourist attractions. The USAFA, where the United States Air Force trains its future officers, is highly regarded as one of the nation's top universities. The academy boasts sights such as the Cadet Chapel, a B-52 static display and the Thunderbird Airman's Overlook.



Rocky Mountains

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Royal Gorge

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USAFA

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The Cadet Chapel is open for tours Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For information on the Air Force Academy, call 719-333-2025 or visit www.usafa.af.mil.

WILL ROGERS SHRINE AND THE CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO

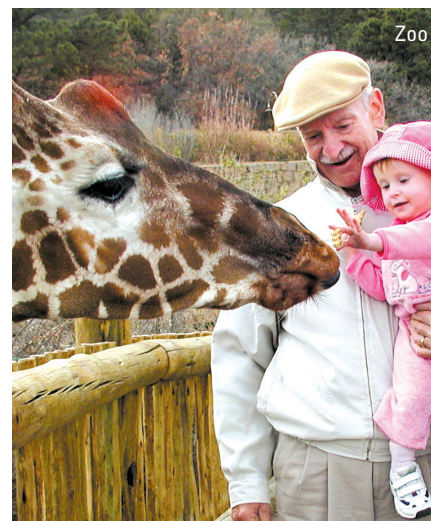
The Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is well-known as one of the finest small zoos in the world. Started by Spencer Penrose, the animals were originally kept on the grounds of the Broadmoor Hotel. Penrose moved his pets in 1926 after completing the highway on the eastern face of Cheyenne Mountain. If you travel up the Russell Tutt Scenic Highway 1.4 miles from the zoo entrance, you will come to the Shrine of the Sun. The shrine, dedicated to

Will Rogers by his friend Spencer Penrose, has a breathtaking view of the plains and mountains. Spencer Penrose and Julie Penrose are interred at the shrine. Entrance to the shrine is included with admission to the zoo. Call 719-633-9925 or visit www.cmzoo.org for information.

WORLD FIGURE SKATING MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME

The World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame honors national and international figure skaters. The museum features art, costumes and artifacts highlighting the history and science of the sport. The museum is located at 20 First St. in Colorado Springs.

Call 719-635-5200 or visit www.worldskatingmuseum.org for more information.



Zoo

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