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MOLD MITIGATION

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April

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23-4
April-May

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25
April

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25
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Discover Louisiana



TOLEDO BEND LAKE COUNTRY



Toledo Bend Lake Country offers a peaceful, nature-filled escape designed for relaxation, wellness, and outdoor adventure. It's an ideal destination for a summer reset, where visitors can slow down, recharge, and reconnect with nature.

Guests can stay active by exploring scenic trails at **North Toledo Bend State Park** and **South Toledo Bend State Park**, or enjoy leisurely walks and activities at resorts like **Cypress Bend Resort** and **Wildwood Resort**. The lake itself provides endless opportunities for water-based wellness, including

kayaking, paddleboarding, water sports, scuba diving, and world-class fishing.

Lodging options range from cozy and rustic to modern and unique, ensuring a comfortable stay for couples, families, and groups. After a day outdoors, visitors can unwind with spa treatments at The Spa at Cypress Bend, enjoy live music and lakeside dining at Gilligan's on the Bend, or grab a refreshing drink from local nutrition spots.

The experience is rounded out with charming small-town shopping in nearby communities like Many and Fisher, where visitors can browse boutiques, antiques and specialty shops.

Overall, Toledo Bend Lake Country blends outdoor recreation, relaxation, and local charm—making it the perfect destination to reset, recharge, and enjoy a well-balanced getaway.

Don't forget - Fort Polk also has its very own **Toledo Bend Army Recreation Park**! This park is open to the public and is located 45 minutes from base.

At Toledo Bend Army Recreation Park, visitors can enjoy year-round recreation including swimming, boating, fishing, camping, picnicking, and more. The beach is open, but swimming is at your own risk with no lifeguards on duty.

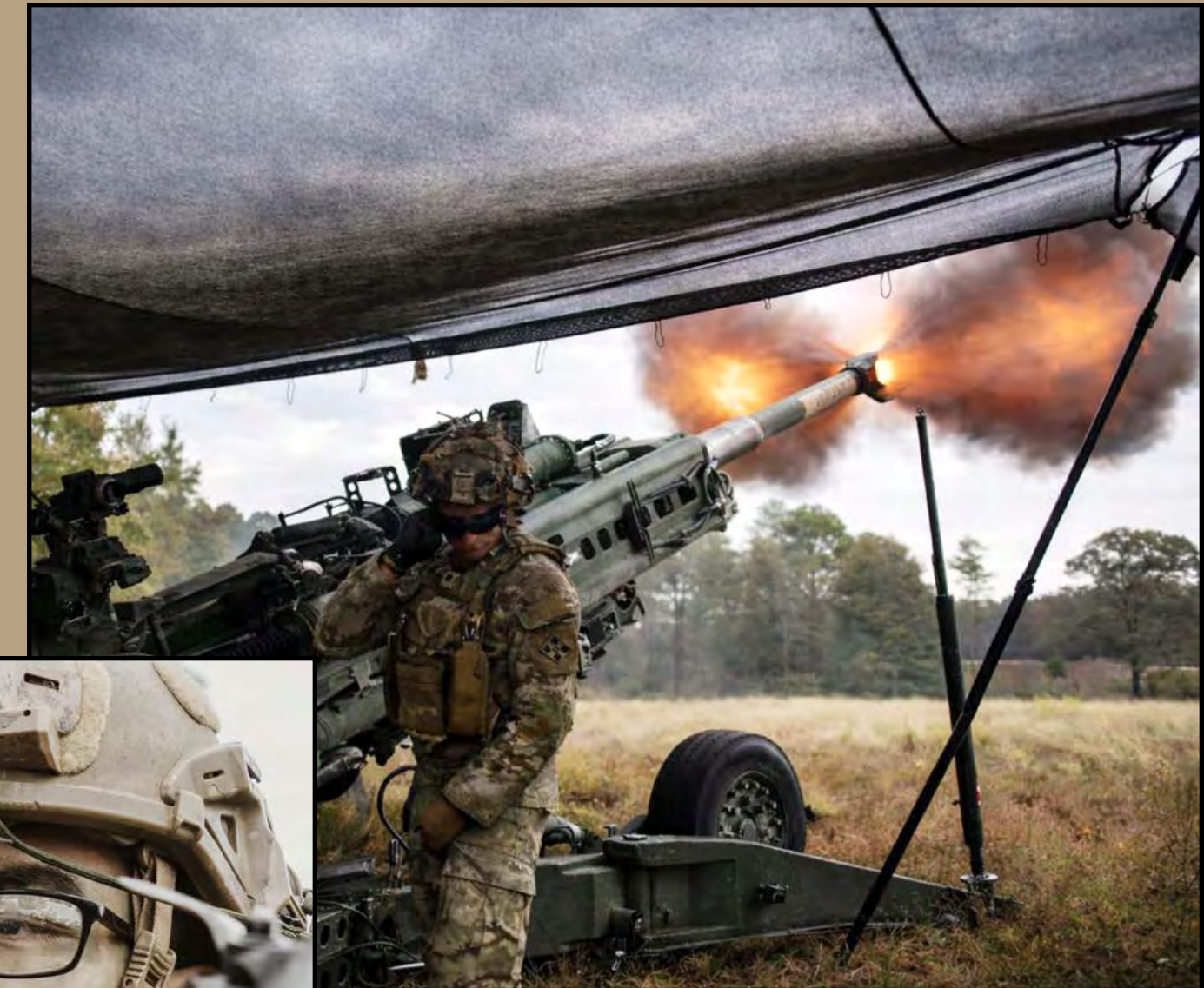
With something for everyone, the park is ready to welcome you—explore all it





A SMALL GLIMPSE INTO ROTATION 26-05

Some of the Army's toughest training happens at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk. Soldiers operate in a realistic combat environment designed to replicate the speed, pressure and complexity of the modern battlefield. This is where leaders are tested, formations are pushed to their limits, and warfighters are built. When the nation calls, they must be ready to deploy, fight and win. Anywhere. Anytime.





MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

APRIL IS



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



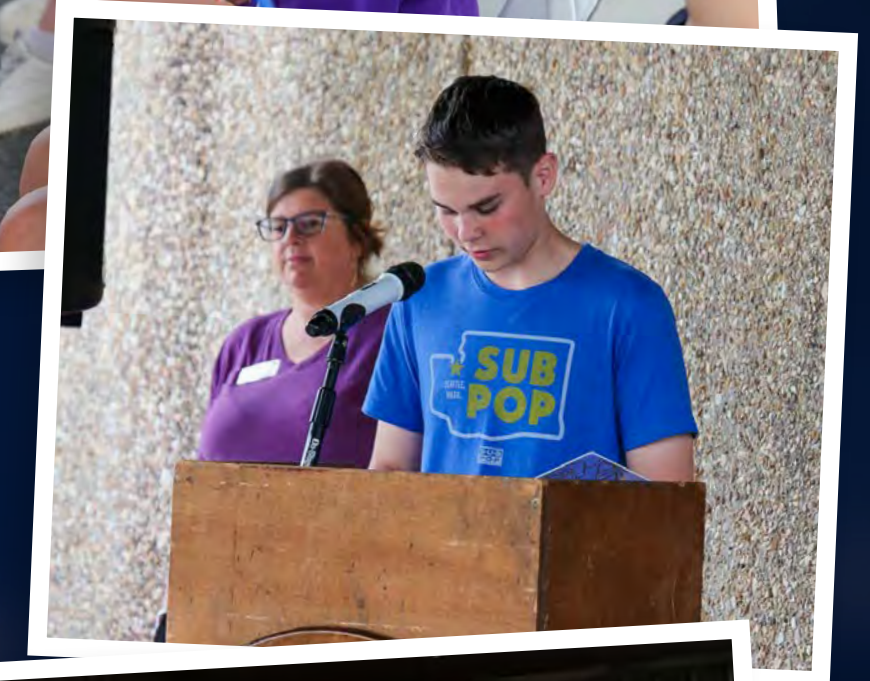
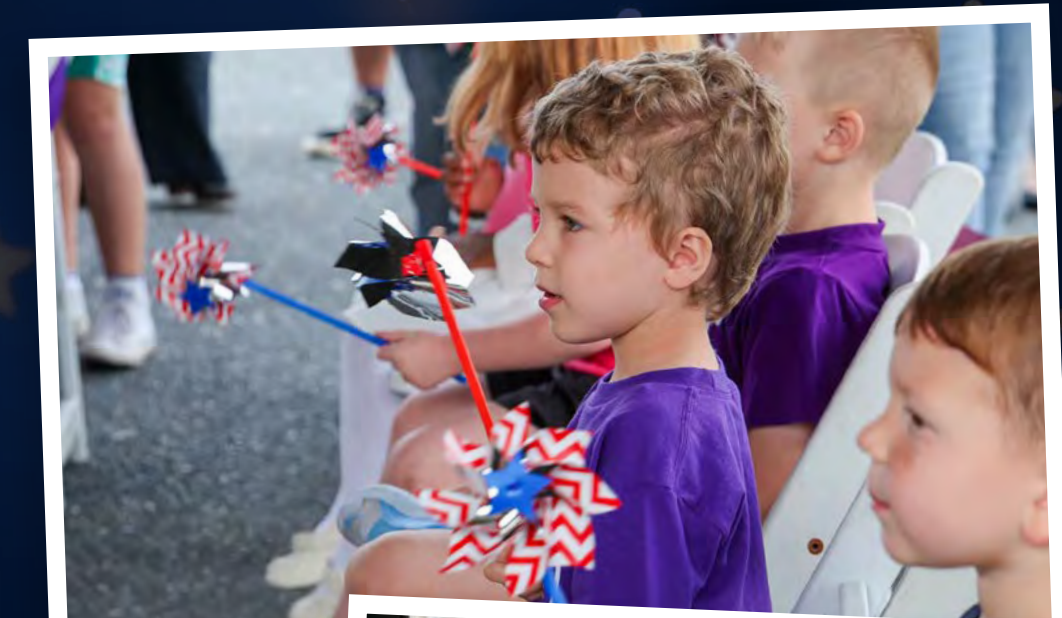
(U.S. Army photo by Porsha Auzenne)

On the morning of April 1, Fort Polk came together to recognize Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Leadership from the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk joined military children, Soldiers, and Department of the Army civilians to plant pinwheels in front of the Warrior Center.

These pinwheels symbolize joy, playfulness, and the kind of safe, happy childhood every child deserves.

Leaders also signed proclamations in honor of both observances, reaffirming our commitment to protect, support and care for the children of Fort Polk to the fullest extent.



Hiring Our Heroes

Career Fair brings employers, Soldiers together



EFMP CELEBRATES AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

By Karen Sampson
Fort Polk Garrison Public Affairs Office

FORT POLK, La. — April is Autism Awareness Month. Fort Polk's Exceptional Family Member Program acknowledges and supports families working through its challenges.

"Fort Polk is building a community here so Exceptional Family Member Program families who are dealing with the realities of the medical world and doctor appointments on top of military life, have a community to engage and experience," said Christina Barrett, EFMP Program Coordinator at Fort Polk Army Community Service.

For special needs family members, the EFMP works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, housing, community support and personnel services to assist daily life.

At Fort Polk, families can learn how to obtain medical and educational resources while navigating military life.

"So much of military life is transitional," Barrett said. "Having different diagnoses and individualized education plans can make life more challenging."

She said Fort Polk EFMP wants to enable and empower its members to gain in life, join in as many programs as they want, do what anyone else is able to do, and to know that they're supported.

"So that's my main goal," Barrett said, "to build an actual community of support. I want us to have that community, where we're all supporting each other. Families can lean on other people that are going through the same things, and feel safe."

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When: 2nd Wed every other month (FEB, APR, JUN, AUG, OCT, & DEC)

Time: 4:00p-6:30p

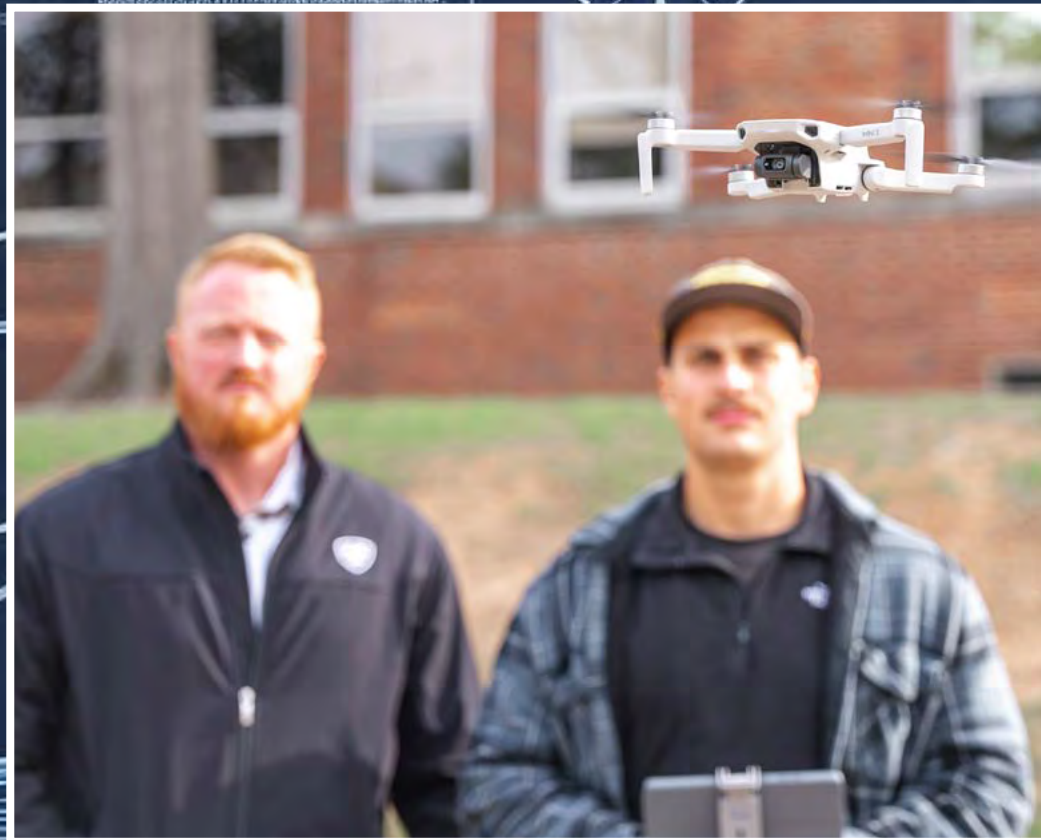
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JRTC, Fort Polk, Northwestern State University forge partnership to achieve sUAS dominance



By Capt. Craig Wells
DPTMS

FORT POLK, La. — In response to the evolving threat posed by the proliferation of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems, a strategic partnership has been established between the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk and Northwestern State University.

The collaboration leverages the realistic training environments of Fort Polk's JRTC alongside the cutting-edge research, technical expertise and academic resources of NSU to accelerate sUAS proficiency across the U.S. Army.

NSU hosted their inaugural sUAS drone pilot program March 17-19 in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

The three-day basic operator course was completed by 12 Soldiers and one civilian from organizations and units across Fort Polk.

The course provided the Soldiers with essential training in drone operations, mission planning and the academic resources NSU provides to accelerate sUAS proficiency

amongst drone operators at Fort Polk.

JD Cox, NSU course instructor, said he wanted to take a moment to thank Fort Polk for the opportunity to partner for sUAS training.

"For me, this is one of the most meaningful and impactful projects I have had the opportunity to be part of. I think, overall, the training was a great success on our end, and we got some valuable feedback on what worked and what could be improved moving forward from the Soldiers who participated," Cox said.

The core mission of the partnership is to augment master trainer capabilities, accelerate force proficiency and rapidly reduce skill deficits in sUAS operations.

NSU will identify and align its relevant research projects, academic expertise, drone modernization and innovation to support the Army's drone dominance goals.

NSU Advanced Remote and Geospatial Operations program provided Soldiers with advanced reporting, weather data analysis, academia coursework and collaborative training exercises with several sUAS platforms during the Three-day course.

Pfc. Gary Miller took the course. He said the staff were extremely knowledgeable, professional and concise — ensuring each student had a proficient grasp on the material.

"I firmly believe that this is a worthwhile opportunity that should be extended to as many potential operators as possible," Miller said.

Cpl. Christopher Marrero, Miller's fellow student, said the course commenced with an exploration of the inner workings of drones, their functionality and the limitations they face.

"It also enhanced our comprehension of these drones, enabling us to anticipate potential issues before or during flight and devise effective solutions," Marrero said.

Sgt. Angel Medina, another classmate, said the course taught a wide range of topics

"It covered mission planning, execution, risk assessment, risk management and the selection of appropriate drones for specific mission capabilities," Medina said.

The partnership and program established parallels of how industry leaders and the military are thriving in drone modernization, innovation, maintenance and applications.





VISITS NEW ORLEANS

**BETTER OPPORTUNITIES
FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS**



B.O.S.S. Soldiers took a trip to New Orleans April 3.

They explored the National WWII Museum, enjoyed classic beignets at Café Du Monde, and spent time relaxing along the Riverwalk.

Trips like these give Soldiers a chance to recharge, connect, and experience all Louisiana has to offer.

Fort Polk spouse's thoughts on military families garner television interview

By Angie Thorne

Fort Polk Garrison Public Affairs Office

FORT POLK, La. — A Fort Polk spouse was featured on ABC's "Nightline" — a late night television program known for in depth reporting — March 4. She was part of a special report on current military operations.

Producers for the show identified her as a compelling voice for the story after her social media posts, which articulated the anxieties of military families facing potential deployments, gained viral attention.

Following the interview, a commendatory message from senior installation leadership was relayed through the Public Affairs Office to acknowledge her poised and effective representation of the military community.

That spouse was Fort Polk's Brittany Chandler. Chandler said she was surprised her thoughts went viral.

"I didn't really set out to speak out in any big way. I was just sharing what I was feeling in the moment as a military spouse," she said. "With everything going on, it's hard not to carry a certain weight, and I think I just wanted to put that into words in a way that other spouses might feel seen too."

Chandler was speaking as a military spouse to military spouses.

"Military spouses carry a lot that people don't always see — the uncertainty, the time apart, the responsibility of holding everything together at home. Right now especially, there's a heaviness that a lot of us are feeling, Chandler said. "Even just watching what's happening in the world can bring up fear and stress for families. I think showing support reminds spouses that they're not alone in that, and what they're doing matters just as much as the service happening in uniform."

When she saw the impact her words had, she said she was overwhelmed in the best way.

"I never expected that kind of response. Seeing so many people come together, not just to support my family, but to stand behind military families as a whole, was incredibly emotional. It reminded me how much good is still out there," Chandler said.

As for the television interview, Chandler said being interviewed by a national television program was honestly surreal.

"I never expected something like that to happen, especially from simply sharing my perspective online. But I was really grateful for the opportunity to speak from a military spouse's point of view and share how current events are impacting families like ours back home. That perspective isn't always seen, so



Brittany Chandler

it meant a lot to be able to represent that," she said.

In the end, Chandler said she hopes what she said helps people pause and remember the humanity behind the uniform.

"Every service member has a family behind them who loves them deeply. For other military spouses, I hope it makes them feel seen, understood, and a little less alone in what they're carrying."

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WEATHER
HAZARDS**

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Take shelter
immediately in a
sturdy structure

ACTION
Move indoors away
from windows

ACTION
Move indoors if
you hear thunder

ACTION
Move indoors away
from windows

ACTION
Avoid rising
creeks and water-
covered roads

James Hobbs

BJACH champions resilient military kids

By Jean Clavette Graves
BJACH PAO

FORT POLK, La. — Military children grow up in a world defined by change, from new duty stations to new schools and routines. Through each transition, they develop resilience that sets them apart.

Those moments of laughter, connection and quiet strength often go unseen, but they shape the foundation of military families. This April, Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital is highlighting the strength of military-connected youth and the care that supports them.

Maxine Kuesters, a psychology technician at BJACH, sees that strength every day in her work with children and families. Kuesters said many military children learn to navigate change early, but that experience can look different for each child.

"Frequent moves can disrupt stability and make it difficult to maintain friendships," she said. "During deployments, older children may also take on additional responsibilities at home, sometimes placing their own needs second."

Dr. Ruth Graupera-Frain, a board-certified child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist at BJACH, said constant change is one of the most significant factors affecting military children.

"The main constant is change," she said. "Not

only are kids developmentally changing, but their environment and support system does too. Everyone needs a constant."

Graupera-Frain emphasized the importance of treating mental health with the same priority as physical health.

"If you had a seizure, you would want to see a neurologist," she said. "If you have a mental health issue, you should want to see a mental health provider."

Graupera-Frain added that treatment is most effective when it is comprehensive.

"Medications are only part of the treatment for some," she said. "They never stand alone."

For providers across BJACH, supporting military children means caring for both their physical and emotional well-being.

Capt. Kiara Schien, a pediatrician in the Patient-Centered Medical Home, said building relationships with her patients is central to that mission.

"I genuinely care for and want the very best for them and am committed to their wellbeing," Schien said.

She said one of the most rewarding parts of her role is helping military children grow and thrive despite the challenges of military life.

"Getting to know my patients and their families and having the gift of playing a role in helping our military children be happy and healthy," Schien said.

Capt. Benjamin Tan, chief of pediatrics at BJACH, said his role often involves advocating for children who may not yet be able to advocate for themselves.

"I want to advocate for patients that are unable or unwilling to advocate for themselves," Tan said.

He said pediatric care is not just about treating illness, but about identifying risks early and advocating for children at every stage of development.

"From well-child to sick visits, each moment is an opportunity to educate and guide," Tan said. "We educate and counsel hoping to prevent the worst."

At BJACH, supporting military children extends beyond individual appointments. Through a coordinated system of care, providers work together to address emotional, behavioral and environmental needs while strengthening family support systems.

Marguerite Wilcox, a clinical social worker with Child and Family Mental Health Services, said connecting families to resources is a critical part of that support.

"We connect families to services both on and off post to help build strong support networks," Wilcox said. "By bringing together those resources, we're able to promote long-term well-being and resilience."

Anna Pinkelman, a behavioral health con-

sultant in primary care, said early engagement and prevention are key to long-term well-being. "Being a part of a team that supports readiness from a mental health perspective is often undervalued," Pinkelman said.

She emphasized the importance of normalizing mental health care within families.

"Mental health is not scary and is rewarding work," she said.

Pinkelman encourages families to focus on what they can control during times of uncertainty.

"Control your controllables," she said.

Providers say small, consistent actions can make a significant difference.

Maintaining predictable routines, setting aside time to connect and helping children identify and express their emotions can reduce stress during transitions.

Modeling healthy coping strategies, such as problem-solving, calmly taking breaks when overwhelmed and engaging in simple family activities, also helps build confidence and emotional stability.

For BJACH, the Month of the Military Child is more than a celebration. It is a reminder of the strength military children carry every day and the importance of supporting them along the way. Because behind every ready Soldier is a family, and within every family is a story worth telling.



Elsie and Dylan, children of Capt. Crystal Absher and Command Sgt. Maj. Rob Absher, pose with their parents during a Month of the Military Child event at Fort Polk.



Alyanna and Meli, daughters of Sgt. 1st Class Andre Ellison and Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Ellison, pose with their father during a Month of the Military Child event at Fort Polk.



Lt. Col. Ashley Cesar, deputy commander for clinical services at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, embraces her son, Ashton, during a Month of the Military Child event at Fort Polk.



Maxine "Angela" Kuesters, a psychology technician with Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, plays a board game with Rosemary Pando, daughter of Reyna Pando and Air Force Sgt. Christopher Pando, assigned to the 18th Weather Squadron, during a session focused on building connection and emotional resilience in military children.



Leyton and Gabriella, children of Staff Sgt. Julaina Rivera, patient administration noncommissioned officer at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, interact with Sunny, the facility dog, in the mental health waiting area during a Month of the Military Child event.



Aubry, daughter of retired Capt. April Williams, supervisory clinical nurse for the OB/GYN Clinic at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, participates in a Month of the Military Child event at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk.



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April 24th



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Protect Your Family. Protect Your Community.

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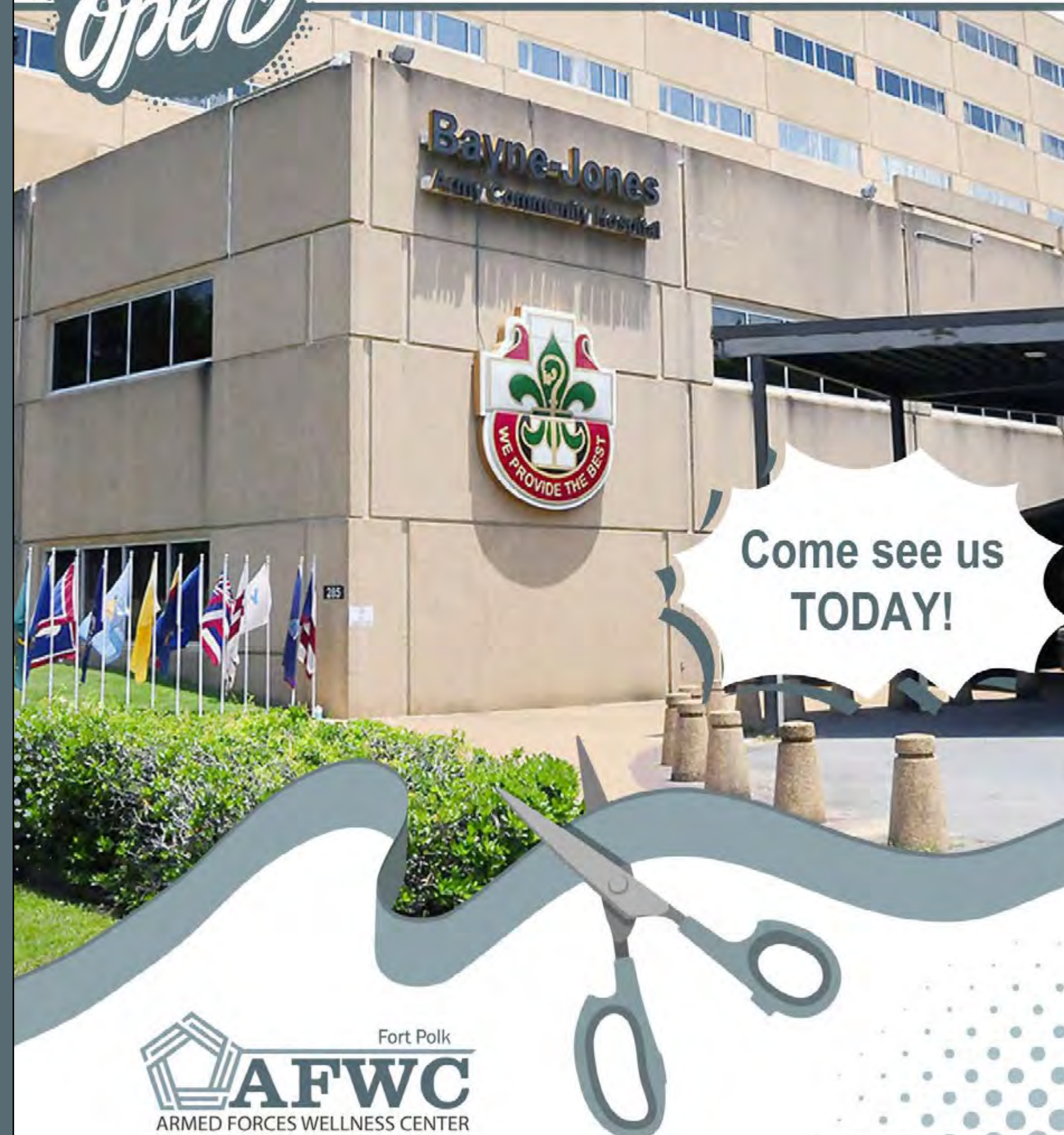
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Fort Polk Armed Forces Wellness Center



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Building a Culture of Health: BJACH Opens Armed Forces Wellness Center

By Jean Clavette Graves
BJACH PAO

FORT POLK, La. — Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital marked a significant step forward in supporting warfighter readiness and community well-being with the grand opening of its new Armed Forces Wellness Center March 23.

The center, located on the first floor inside BJACH, provides Soldiers, families, civilian employees and beneficiaries with access to personalized health assessments, education and coaching designed to improve overall health and performance.

Col. Patrick W. Miller, hospital commander, kicked off the ceremony with brief remarks highlighting the importance of BJACH's newest resource.

"Today marks an important milestone for us and the Fort Polk community," Miller said. "The Armed Forces Wellness Center represents more than a new capability — it represents a shift in how we approach health and readiness."

The AFWC focuses on prevention and performance, aligning with Army Medicine and Defense Health Agency priorities to deliver medically ready forces and optimize human performance.

"Our focus is clear: delivering for the warfighter starts with prevention and performance," Miller said. "This is not about quick fixes — it is about sustainable change. Because readiness is built over time."

From prevention to performance

From the moment individuals walk through the doors, the AFWC is designed to provide a personalized and supportive experience.

"Clients can expect a welcoming environment focused on helping them achieve their health and wellness goals," said Cala Dansby, a health promotion technician at the AFWC. "We offer services ranging from body composition analysis and metabolic testing to nutrition education and stress management."

The center is open to active duty service members, their families, retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen and Department of War civilians.

"We provide personalized health coaching tailored to each client's goals," said Gabrielle Chedester, a health educator at the Armed Forces Wellness Center. "Our services include nutrition education, fitness assessments and guidance on sleep and stress management."

Empowering Individuals, strengthening readiness

From a public health perspective, the AFWC serves as a force multiplier for the installation.

"Opening an Armed Forces Wellness Center at Fort Polk allows us to shift from a reactive, treatment-based model to a proactive, preven-



From left, Gabrielle Chedester, Armed Forces Wellness Center health educator; Capt. Brianna Kearney; Col. Patrick W. Miller; Command Sgt. Maj. Victor M. Contreras Jr.; Staff Sgt. Zachary Vikara, preventive medicine NCO; and Cala Dansby, health promotion technician, cut the ribbon during the Armed Forces Wellness Center grand opening at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital March 23. The center supports Soldier and family readiness through prevention-focused health education and performance optimization services. (U.S. Army photo by Jean Clavette Graves)

tion-focused system," said Capt. Brianna Kearney, chief of the Public Health Nursing Clinic at BJACH. "By addressing risk factors like physical inactivity, poor nutrition and stress, we can improve overall force health and readiness."

The center integrates with existing services across BJACH and the installation, working alongside clinical providers, unit leadership and programs like Holistic Health and Fitness to support a coordinated approach to wellness.

"It's not just about healthcare — it's about building a culture of health," Miller said.

A resource for the entire community

Attendees at the grand opening highlighted the value of the new wellness center.

"I came today as a provider because I want to be able to tell our patients about all the resources available to them," said Capt. Carly Williams, an occupational therapist at BJACH. "This is a great resource — not just for Soldiers, but for their families as well. They have access to free health coaching, meal planning and fitness support."

"I hope the community gains a better sense of how to live healthier and take care of themselves so they can live longer," said Melynda Hill, a security specialist at BJACH. "I plan to use the wellness center to help get my diet on track."

"I've recently started a new diet and workout routine, and I'm hoping the wellness center can help me stay consistent and build better habits long-term," said Amanda Adair, a pharmacy supply technician at BJACH.



Spc. Donald Phillips sits inside the BOD POD as Cala Dansby, Armed Forces Wellness Center health promotion technician, explains what to expect during a body composition assessment at the grand opening of the Armed Forces Wellness Center at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital March 23. (U.S. Army photo by Jean Clavette Graves)

Investing in health, strengthening the force

The AFWC's long-term impact extends beyond individual health outcomes, contributing to improved readiness, resilience and quality of life across the installation.

"The goal is to empower participants with the knowledge, skills and confidence to take control of their health," Chedester said.

Miller encouraged the community to take full advantage of the new resource.

"This center is here for you," he said. "When you are stronger, our Army is stronger. And when our Army is stronger, our nation is stronger."

Military child explores good citizenship through interview

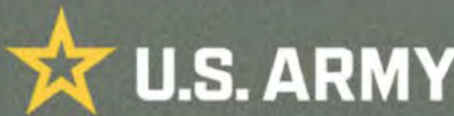


Jacob Pierce, a 10-year-old fifth-grade student from Pitkin Elementary School, interviews Cleophus D. Graves, chief of Fort Polk Police, for a school project focused on acts of good citizenship as part of his Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) curriculum, March 26. As part of the assignment, Pierce used the "5 W's" to document a real-life example shared by Graves, who recalled a time when his car broke down and a stranger stopped to help. Pierce's project also explored how small acts — like helping someone in need or reporting bullying — can make a positive impact in a community. The interaction highlights the importance of mentorship, community connection, and the role of everyday examples in shaping the values of military children. (U.S. Army photos by Jean Clavette Graves)



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Celebrating Heritage families

Fort Polk hosted its annual Spring Heritage Reunion March 28 at Alligator Lake, honoring local heritage families whose sacrifices in the 1940s helped enable Army training and victory in World War II. The ceremony opened with remarks from Heritage Family Association President Jimmy Thornton, followed by Maj. Gen. Jason A. Curl, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk commanding general. We thank our heritage families for all the sacrifices they, and their families, have given to help make Fort Polk the world's premiere training center. (U.S. Army photos by Angie Thorne)



Fort Polk Storytime fun

Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk Commander Maj. Gen. Jason A. Curl and Mrs. Becky Curl hosted a fun-filled Story Time at Allen Memorial Library on March 31. After enjoying a great story together, children teamed up with their parents to create some awesome crafts! The event was filled with smiles, creativity and family fun. (U.S. Army photos by Angie Thorne)



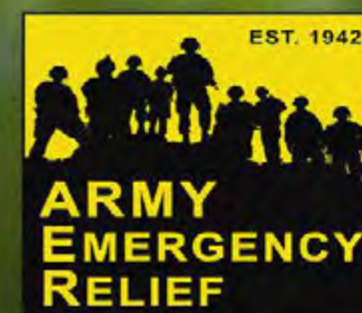
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Celebrating the Month of the Military Child

Ice Cream Social!



FREE ICE CREAM!

ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS OF THE Rock Decorating Contest & Youth Art Competition!

April 30th • 2:00 PM

MWR Headquarters • Bldg. 825

A Fun Celebration for Children!

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

YOUTH ROCK DECORATING CONTEST

CELEBRATING OUR MILITARY KIDS!

HELP CREATE THE "STONY SLITHER" ROCK SNAKE!

DROP OFF YOUR PAINTED ROCKS THROUGHOUT APRIL!

DROP-OFF LOCATION: BLDG. 825

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1 Decorate a rock (paint, markers, glitter).
- 2 Bring your masterpiece to BLDG. 825.
- 3 Add it to the Stony Slither formation!

WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

JOIN US TO FIND OUT THE WINNER & CELEBRATE!

- DATE: APRIL 30
- TIME: 2 PM
- LOCATION: BLDG. 825

FOR ALL YOUTH!

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REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE AT AUTO SKILLS CENTER

2651 LOUISIANA AVENUE

726-780-1369

Quality USED CARS



Scavenger Hunt



Alligator Lake Recreation Park

April 11, 2026

10am

Lots of fun activities planned for children of all ages!

WARRIOR Fort Polk Teamwork

YOUTH RESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP CAMP

North Toledo Bend State Park

REGISTRATION MAY 4 - JULY 6

CAMP 1

JUNE 15-19

GRADES 4-6

CAMP 2

JULY 13-17

GRADES 6-12

\$150 PER CHILD (NON REFUNDABLE)

REGISTER AT PARENT CENTRAL SERVICES

7960 Mississippi Ave., Bldg. 924

All participants must be registered with CYS and have a current sports physical

Call 726-780-1359 for more information

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD



PLAY TOWN & CAFE

MAY 6, 2026 • 6 PM

CALL 726-780-1359

AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES

KIDS RUN

9 am

MAY 16

Honor Field

Registration 8 am

Free and open to the public!

726-780-1359

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Month of the Military Child 	Military Children and Youth Strength in Every Story April 2026 	FOLLOW US ON Fort Polk Family & MWR 	Proclamation Signing & Pinwheel Planting Warrior Center 9:30 am 	WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY WEAR PUZZLE PIECE SHIRT! Youth Art Competition April 1-30 	WEAR BLUE DAY 	Meet the Easter Bunny at Play Town & Cafe 11am
Easter Brunch The Forge Bar & Grill 10am-2pm 	Spring Break 	International Beaver Day Be BRAVE like a BEAVER 	BOOKMARK MAKING ALL MONTH LONG 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Allen Memorial Library 	Rock Painting Contest at Bldg. 825 	SCAVENGER HUNT Alligator Lake Recreation Park 10 am - 2 pm 	Skate Night 3 pm - 7 pm MST
Silly Day Warrior Lanes Bowling Center 	OPEN PICKLEBALL AT WARRIOR FITNESS CENTER AGES 12+ 	Storytime every Tues & Fri Allen Memorial Library 11:30 am 	Environmental Day Main Post Exchange BE SUPER! SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT! 	ALL MONTH LONG! PLAY TOWN & CAFE PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC April 16, 23, & 30 12 PM - 1 PM 	Outdoor Movie Night Disney Pixar INCREDIBLES 2 Anvil Field 6 PM 	Chalk-the-Walk EFMP Superhero Walk 10 am - 12 pm WARRIOR HILLS GOLF COURSE
FAMILY DAY AT THE RANGE MWR Recreational Shooting Range 9 AM "children shoot free" 	National Library Week 19-25 armymwrlibrary 	PITCH, HIT & RUN REGISTRATION 5:30 PM COMPETITION 6:30 PM 	Earth DAY Tree Planting 	BABY BOOT CAMP AT ACS 1 PM - 4 PM 	MOMC Pool Party SFC Guess Jr. Pool 5 pm - 7 pm 	Catfish Derby Catfish Cove 7 AM
Youth Fishing Tournament Toledo Bend Rec Park 8 AM 	Nailed it! ICE CREAM CAKE EDITION! Warrior Center 6 PM 	Military Children & Youth: Strength in Every Story 	GAMERS NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY WARRIOR LANES BOWLING CENTER 5:30 PM 	FREE Ice Cream Social at MWR HQ 2 pm - 4:30 pm 	 	

Happy Birthday

TELL US IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY AND GET 1 FREE GAME!
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED WHEN LANES ARE AVAILABLE. MUST PRESENT ID TO WARRIOR LANES STAFF TO REDEEM. SHOES NOT INCLUDED.

LUNCH SPECIAL
Warrior Lanes SPECIAL

1 FREE GAME PER PERSON WITH PURCHASE OF ANY COMBO MEAL
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED WHEN LANES ARE AVAILABLE. OFFER NOT VALID ON WEEKENDS, TRAINING, OR FEDERAL HOLIDAYS. SHOES NOT INCLUDED.

Warrior Lanes SPECIAL

BRING A FRIEND TO WARRIOR LANES BOWLING CENTER AND BUY 1 GAME & GET 50% OFF YOUR NEXT GAME!
OFFER VALID ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, FROM 1PM-5PM. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED WHEN LANES ARE AVAILABLE.

MWR Things to do

Reoccurring Weekly

- Tuesday & Fridays - 1130 - Story Time @ The Allen Memorial Library
- Wednesday - 1730 - Gamers Night @ Warrior Lanes Bowling Center
- Wednesday - 1700 - Wednesday Night Golf Scramble @ Warrior Hills Golf Course

First Saturday

- 0600 – (Sunrise)-Bass Fishing Tournament @ Toledo Bend Recreation Park
- 0900 - Military Spouse Owned Business Market @ Warrior Center

Reoccurring Monthly

- First Friday 0800 - GC Golf Scramble @ WHGC
- Fourth Thursday - 1000 - EFMP Play Hour @ Play Town and Café
- Second Thursday – 1700 – STEM Education @ Allen Memorial Library
- Third Wednesday - All Day – Kids Bowling Special @ Warrior Lanes
- Last Tuesday - 1730-1830 Books & Brews @ Warrior Center

Saturday, April 11

- Scavenger Hunt @ Alligator Lake Recreation Park, from 10 am - 2 pm! Embark on an exciting adventure and search for hidden treasures.
- Skate Night @ MST, from 3 pm - 7 pm! Lace up your skates for an evening of rolling fun.

Sunday, April 12

- Family Day @ Warrior Lanes Bowling Center! Enjoy a family-friendly day of bowling with \$2 games and \$2 shoe rentals.

Monday, April 13

- Open Pickleball @ Warrior Fitness Center! Players ages 12 and up are invited to come and enjoy the fast-growing sport of pickleball.

Wednesday, April 15

- Environmental Day @ Main Post Exchange! Be super and save the environment with activities and information on going green.
- Purple Up Day! Wear purple to show your support for military children.

Thursday, April 16

- Parent Education Classes @ Play Town & Café, from 12 pm - 1 pm! Open to the public, these classes offer valuable insights and parenting tips.

Friday, April 17

- Outdoor Movie Night: Incredibles 2 @ Anvil Field, starts at 6 pm! Bring your blankets and chairs for a super-powered movie night under the stars.

Saturday, April 18

- Competitive Pistol Shoot @ MWR Shooting Range, starts at 0800! Test your accuracy and precision in this exciting competitive pistol shoot.
- Chalk-the-Walk EFMP Superhero Walk @ Warrior Hills Golf Course, from 10 am - 12 pm! Decorate the sidewalks with colorful chalk art during this fun superhero-themed walk.

Exchange kicks off Month of the Military Child with \$22,000 in prizes

By Teonja Tatum
AAFES Public Affairs

DALLAS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is suiting up for Month of the Military Child with sweepstakes to bring big smiles to our smallest heroes, offering more than \$22,000 in prizes and Exchange gift cards.

Exchange shoppers 18 years and older can test their luck to win one of the 116 prizes and Exchange gift cards through April 30 by visiting [ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes](https://shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes).

- Prizes include:**
- Exchange gift cards ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, \$20,500 value (61 winners)
 - Trefl Red Roman Forum 1,000-piece puzzle, \$14.95 value (five winners)
 - Trefl Red The Meglagavi 1,000-piece puzzle, \$14.95 value (five winners)
 - Trefl Red Color Splash: Cubic Gradient 1,000-piece puzzle, \$18.95 value (five winners)
 - Exploding Kittens game Bundle, \$84.80 value (five winners)
 - Little Apps Tablet, \$22.95 value (five winners)
 - Doodle & Draw Learning Center, \$27.95 value (five winners)
 - LeapFrog Learning 100 Words Book, \$24.95 value (five winners)
 - LeapFrog Chat and Count Emoji Phone, \$17.95 value (five winners)
 - Droyd Romper Electric Ride-on toy, \$119.95 value (five winners)



- Camelbak boys' bundle, \$70.95 value (five winners)
 - Camelbak girls' Bundle, \$70.95 value (five winners)
- "Military children carry a unique strength that often goes unseen, and the Exchange is proud to honor that," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Rich Martinez, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "These sweepstakes are a small gesture of appreciation for everything

they navigate as part of military life." Winners will be selected on or around May 15. No purchase is necessary to enter. All authorized Exchange shoppers, including Veterans, Department of Defense civilians and Common Access Card (CAC) holders can enter. Veterans can visit <https://aafes.media/paveterans> to learn more about their shopping benefit while DoD civilians and other CAC holders can visit <https://aafes.media/cacbenefitspa>.

A sweet salute: Exchange Free Treat Day honors military kids

By Zach Wright
AAFES Public Affairs

DALLAS – Treats are on the Exchange during Month of the Military Child!

As the Army & Air Force Exchange Service celebrates military brats worldwide, families can visit participating Exchange restaurants April 18 for a free treat.

Military children 18 years and younger can visit their local Exchange to receive a free treat coupon and take part in Free Treat Day at participating Exchange restaurants.

Some of the restaurants participating include Arby's, Burger King, Charleys, Pizza Hut, Subway, Taco Bell, Popeyes, Panera Bread, Qdoba and Starbucks. Treats, include a fountain drink or dessert, which vary by location.

"Military kids do so much and deserve to be appreciated," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Rich Martinez, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "A small treat is a big way to let them know they're special."

The free treat offer is only valid April 18 and is limited to one free treat per child/coupon. Military families are encouraged to inquire about



free treats at participating restaurants and can contact their local Exchange or visit the community Hub <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/Community/> for more information.

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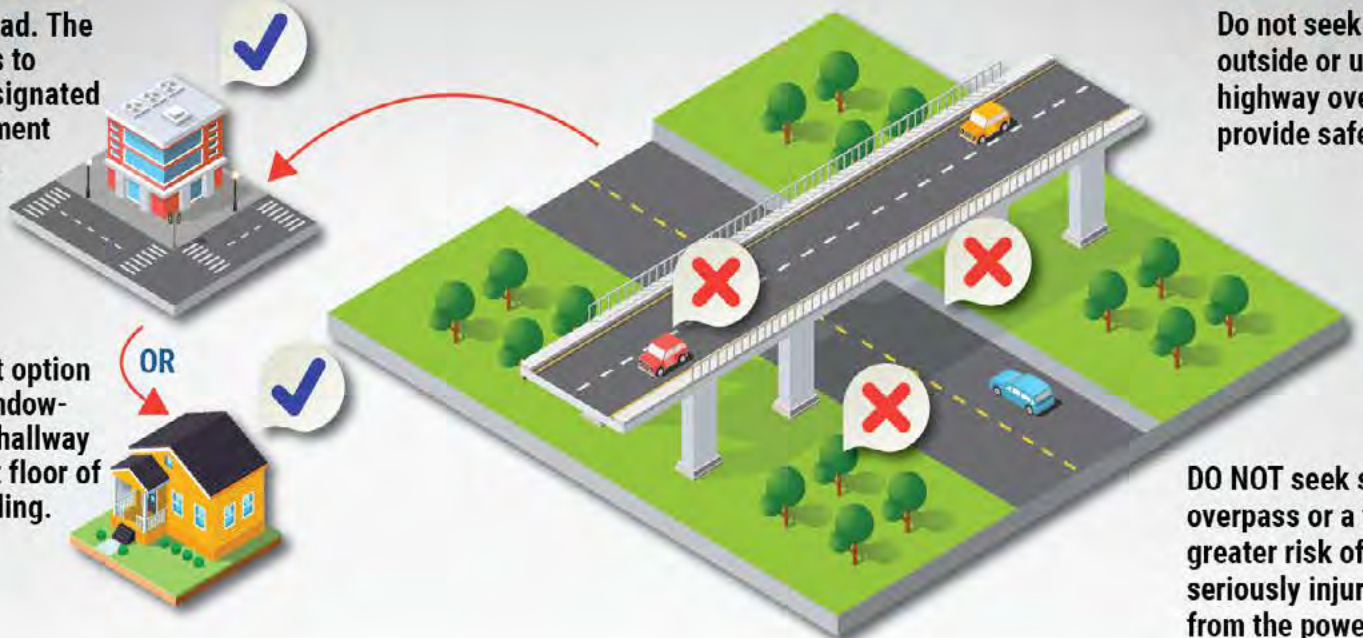
Get off the road. The best option is to drive to a designated shelter, basement or safe room.

The next best option is a small, windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor of a sturdy building.

WHAT NOT TO DO

Do not seek refuge in a vehicle, outside or under an overpass. A highway overpass does not provide safety from a tornado.

DO NOT seek shelter under an overpass or a tree. This puts you at greater risk of being killed or seriously injured by flying debris from the powerful tornadic winds.





**BAYNE-JONES ARMY
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**A Spoken Word
Event**

APRIL

Monday, April 13 | 11:00 a.m.

Location: Bayou Theater, Fort Polk

TOPIC: Emotional Intelligence when interacting with survivors



Guest speaker

MR. EDWARD WILSON
(Mr. West)



About Obbie West

Obbie West is an international spoken word artist, advocate and author. Originally from Los Angeles, California, he is a retired U.S. Army Soldier who began writing in 2011 and later published his acclaimed book of poetry, Blossom.

Today, he travels worldwide as an educator and trainer, using poetry to address challenging topics such as abuse prevention, consent, accountability and mental resilience. His direct and thought-provoking style leaves audiences inspired and empowered.

Edward Wilson is the owner of Words of West, L.L.C., and performs under the stage name "Obbie West."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT OUR SHARP
OFFICE @ 337-718-7272**

APRIL 29, 2026

ON THIS DAY, WEAR YOUR BEST PAIR OF
DENIM JEANS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE
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**DENIM
DAY**

DENIM DAY ORIGINATED IN ITALY AFTER THE ITALIAN SUPREME COURT OVERTURNED A 1992 RAPE CONVICTION, CLAIMING THAT BECAUSE THE VICTIM WAS WEARING TIGHT JEANS, SHE MUST HAVE GIVEN CONSENT. IN RESPONSE, THE NEXT DAY ITALIAN WOMEN WORE JEANS TO WORK TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE VICTIM.

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Corvias
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



OMB Control Number: 0704-0553 Expiration: 8/31/2028



Corvias fixes Dogwood playground

When military families across Fort Polk made comments — in the current Tenant Satisfaction Survey — about broken playgrounds in Corvias neighborhoods, the Fort Polk Garrison and Corvias took that feedback and got to work. An assessment was done on playgrounds in every neighborhood. A Dogwood playground is the first to be worked on. Corvias has since contracted a company to fix the structural safety of the playground and make things safe for children to play. Work began April 8 and will be completed in approximately 10 days — pending a final safety inspection. Further playground projects will continue to be assessed and rectified based on safety. Corvias wants Fort Polk families to know it's listening, assessing and executing when it comes to its residents' input. (Courtesy Corvias photo)

Month of the Military Child Events



WEEK 1: April 6th -10th

Come by on Monday, April 6th, and paint a rock with us!

Enter in our coloring contest by picking out your coloring sheet and end your week on Friday with popcorn!

WEEK 2: April 13th -17th

Come celebrate with us on April 15th by stopping by to plant a dandelion and have a cupcake!

Enter in our coloring contest or turn your masterpiece in and end your week on Friday with popcorn!

WEEK 3: April 20th - 24th

Stop by on Monday April 20th for our CHALK DAY!!

Enter in our coloring contest or turn your masterpiece in and end your week on Friday with popcorn!

WEEK 4: April 27th -30th

Drop off your coloring pages all week, we will announce the winner on Thursday April 30th

End your week with popcorn on Friday!

All events will take place at the Community Centers and Leasing office!

Corvias
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



Attention Fort Polk Community, Drones in the Air!

The Fort Polk community may have seen units operating small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) on the installation. These operations are authorized and part of ongoing efforts to enhance training, proficiency and operational readiness.

However, it's important to note that while sUAS will be conducting authorized flights on post, Fort Polk remains a "No Drone Zone" — personal drones are not permitted. Unauthorized drone operations violate the Commanding General's Policy Letter #19, poses safety risks, and can disrupt military activities.

Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Warrior Operations Center, usarmy.polk.imcom.mbx.eoc-ioc@army.mil or 726-780-0410. Thank you for your cooperation.

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- INSTALLATION-WIDE ALERTS
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- NEWCOMER INFORMATION
- EVENTS + MORE



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Official Fort Polk Garrison Facebook page supporting Soldiers, Families, Civilians, and community.

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Look for the above header when searching for the new Fort Polk Garrison Public Affairs Office's new Facebook page and click follow today!

MAIN POST CHAPEL FOOD PANTRY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9-11 A.M. • 2-4 P.M.

FRIDAY
9-11 A.M. • 2-3 P.M.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY
CLOSED



SUNDAY WORSHIP & RELIGIOUS ED

Join Us Sunday Mornings.

- 9 a.m. Catholic Mass
- 11 a.m. Unity Fellowship
- Children's Lit. held during Mass.
- Unity Kids Church held during worship
- Unity Kids Choir
- Catholic Religious Ed beginning in Sept.



PWOC

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Tuesday mornings at Main Post Chapel . 9 a.m.



POWER WEDNESDAY

Christian Community helping you power through your week.

- Youth of the Chapel
- Little Explorers
- Grief Share
- OCIA
- Unity Fellowship Study
- Other Studies



THURSDAY SMALL GROUPS

Looking to belong? We have a space just for you in one of our small groups.

- LDS Womens small group.
- Parents of Little Kids @ Polk.
- Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC).



JUMMAH

Jumma Prayer Services.

- Friday afternoons at Glory Chapel 2 p.m.



PAGAN COMMUNITY

Join us , we love community. The Pagan Community gathers every other Saturday for religious education and worship according to schedule. Come check out the grove.



SPECIAL EVENTS & IMPORTANT NOTES

- Fall Fest
- RE Training
- Jewish RE Events
- Christmas RE event
- Vacation Bible School
- Food Pantry
- Family Life Counseling open in OCT
- 24/7 Chaplain Available
- Community Garden
- Volunteer Opportunities



For more information contact Chrissa Gross, the Director of Religious Education at Chrissa.m.gross.civ@army.mil

A Place to Belong ❤️

April 2026

Army Community Service and Prevention Center

1591 Bell Richard Avenue
Building 920
Fort Polk, LA 71549
(726) 780-1073



Family Advocacy

Stop the Violence – Family Member Domestic Violence Education

Monday, April 6, 5:00-6:30pm

How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk

Wednesday, April 8, 1:00-4:30pm

Anger & Stress Management

Thursday, April 9, 11:00am-12:30pm

Annual Dynamics of Family Violence

Soldiers only – Units Welcome

Monday, April 13, 9:30-11:30am

Parenting with Love-N-Logic

Thursday, April 16, 9:00am-12:00pm

Friday, April 17, 9:00am-12:00pm

SHARP

SHARP Annual Refresher Training
EVERY Thursday at 1:30pm

New Parent Support

PlayMorning @ PlayTown Café

Thursday, April 2 & 16, 10:00-11:00am

Baby Boot Camp

Thursday April 23, 1:00-4:00pm

EFMP

Storybook Creations @ Library

Wednesday, April 8, 4:00-5:30pm

Superhero Chalk Walk @ Golf Course

Saturday, April 18, 10:00am-12:00pm

Chill Zone @ Family Movie Night

Friday, April 17, 6:00pm @ Anvil Field

Playtime @ PlayTown Cafe

Thursday, April 23, 4:00-6:00pm

Autism Acceptance Month

April is recognized as Autism Acceptance Month, a time to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of autistic individuals.

The observance aims to educate the public about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and advocate for the rights and opportunities of those affected. While World Autism Awareness Day is on April 2nd, the entire month is dedicated to fostering a more inclusive world for people with autism.



Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize the importance of communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. This month aims to raise awareness about prevention and how individuals and communities can help protect children and strengthen Families. Everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse and creating safe, stable, and nurturing environments for children.

Mobilization & Deployment

SFRG Key Contact (Virtual)

Tuesday, April 7, 1-2:30 p.m.

Command Family Readiness Representative (CFRR) (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 8, 9 a.m.-noon

SFRG Informal Funds (Virtual)

Monday, April 14, 1-2:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Care Team Training – IN PERSON

Wednesday, June 24, 9 a.m.-noon

Financial Readiness

LES & Budgeting

Friday, April 3, 1-2 p.m.

Financial Planning

Monday, April 6, 9-10 a.m.

Finances for PCS

Monday, April 6, 1-2 p.m.

Finances for Marriage

Thursday, April 16, 9-10 a.m.

Finances for Divorce

Thursday, April 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Finances and Promotion

Thursday, April 16, 1-2 p.m.

AER Campaign

Appointed Soldiers Only Unit Representative

Friday, April 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Volunteer Corps

VMIS Training

By Appointment call (520) 725-7138

All classes are held at the Army Community Service and Prevention Center, 1591 Bell Richard Avenue, Bldg. 920, Fort Polk, LA 71459 unless otherwise noted.



Financial Readiness Counseling &	
Army Emergency Relief	(726) 780-0384
Army Family Action Plan	(520) 725-7138
Army Volunteer Corps	(520) 725-7138
Employment Readiness Program	(726) 780-1092
Relocation Readiness Program	(726) 780-0386
Mobilization & Deployment	(726) 780-1092
SHARP Prevention	(726) 780-1013
Family Advocacy Program	(726) 780-1072
Exceptional Family Member Program	(726) 780-1162
Victim Advocacy Program	(726) 780-0509
Risk Reduction Program	(726) 780-1187
Army Substance Abuse Program	(726) 780-1140
Employee Assistance Program	(726) 780-1140
Suicide Prevention	(726) 780-1187

ACSPC Front Desk: (726) 780-1073

Domestic Violence Hotline: (337) 718-8837

Child & Domestic Abuse Reporting: (726) 780-2615

SHARP 24/7 Hotline: (337) 718-7272

24/7 Chaplain (337) 208-2868

To register for classes
Please contact
(726) 780-1073 or
scan the QR code.



English as a Second Language (ESL)

ESL classes are hosted in the ACSPC. To schedule an appointment for placement scan here.



The
THREAT
may be closer than you think

Stay Vigilant

Report all suspicious activities — See Something. Say Something.

CRITICAL INFORMATION

endangered
when
neglected ...

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when lost.



PRACTICE YOUR OPSEC



Fort Polk Recycle Center takes what you recycle and turns it into money for fun events for Soldiers and families to enjoy



Projects funded for fiscal year 2026 include:

Hazardous Waste Drums \$5,000	Riches from Recycling Unit Incentive \$11,500	Oil Containers Repair \$25,000
Youth Catfish Derby \$10,000	DFMWR Louisiana Hayride \$18,000	DFMWR Summer Concert \$30,000
DFMWR Earth Day \$11,500	DFMWR Snowflake and Tree Lighting \$20,000	DFMWR Movie Night \$36,000

That's a total of \$167,000 from recycling.

Turn your aluminum cans, cardboard and more into money for community events and projects. Just bring your recycle material to the Fort Polk Recycling Program's Recycle Center, buildings 3620/3622, located on Georgia Avenue, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

BATTLE OF THE DERIDDER BURNERS

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APRIL 11TH, 2026!

VFW POST 3619

COOK TIME: 6AM – 3PM

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Show Dates

Dinner & Show

Adults: \$25 Students: \$20

April 24 and May 2

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner is served at 7 p.m.
Show begins at 8 p.m.

Show Only

Adults: \$15 Students: \$12

April 25 and May 1

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Show begins at 7 p.m.

April 26
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
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APRIL 25, 2026

9:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

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Open to Veterans, Active Duty and their Families

★ **Proof of service is required** ★
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- ☒ **Meet Veteran-Focused Organizations/Companies**
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A CALL TO HONOR:

THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER REPLICA

ON DISPLAY IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE
HISTORIC FIRST OFF-BASE USO IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NOW KNOWN AS THE WAR MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER

FRIDAY
May 1, 2026
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
May 2, 2026
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
May 3, 2026
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



THE HALF-SIZE REPLICA INCLUDES CRYPTS WHICH SYMBOLIZE THE SACRED RESTING PLACE OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIERS FROM WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN WAR, AND THE VIETNAM WAR — BRAVE HEROES WHOSE NAMES ARE KNOWN ONLY TO GOD, BUT WHOSE SACRIFICE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THIS POWERFUL AND MOVING EXHIBIT WHILE IT IS IN OUR AREA. TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT, HONOR, AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE EVERYTHING FOR OUR FREEDOM.

**FREE ADMISSION
DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

All proceeds benefit the Exchange Club of Rome, GA (the creators of the exhibit).



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