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**Community Resource Links:**

Resources and Information at your fingertips!

**Fort Bragg:**

[www.bragg.army.mil/fbr/pages](http://www.bragg.army.mil/fbr/pages)

**Fort Sill:**

[sill-www.army.mil/pages/AtoZ.htm](http://sill-www.army.mil/pages/AtoZ.htm)

**Fort Bliss:**

[www.bliss.army.mil/Communityresourceguide](http://www.bliss.army.mil/Communityresourceguide)

**Fort Huachuca:**

[www.army.mil/info/organization/huachuca/](http://www.army.mil/info/organization/huachuca/)

**Fort Hood:**

[www.hood.army.mil/resources](http://www.hood.army.mil/resources)

**FMWR:**

**Fort Bragg:**

[Fortbraggmwr.com](http://Fortbraggmwr.com)

**Fort Sill:**

[www.sillmwr.com](http://www.sillmwr.com)

**Fort Bliss:**

[Fortblissmwr.com](http://Fortblissmwr.com)

**Fort Huachuca:**

[mwrhuachuca.com](http://mwrhuachuca.com)

**Fort Hood:**

[Hoodmwr.com](http://Hoodmwr.com)

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**Kidshealth.org:** "So, what are you doing after graduation?" Many juniors and seniors get bored answering that question over and over. Whether your plans include college, heading straight for the workforce, or taking a year off, read this article from Teens Health to learn a few practical tips to prepare yourself for the journey! [Kidshealth.org](http://Kidshealth.org) has great information including articles on Prom Pressure, Making a Change (Your Personal Plan), Staying Safe, Drugs & Alcohol and more! Check out their "For Parents" section as well!

**DOD Safe Helpline Mobile App:** This app includes access to critical resources that assists in managing the short and long-term effects of sexual assault and it's designed to support sexual assault victims and contains the option for users to record their current emotional state and create tailored self-care plans to address sadness, hopelessness and disconnection. These self-care plans include suggested resources and exercises, and can be stored for future reference. This includes a list of breathing, stretching and visualization techniques that can reduce anxiety, depression and symptoms of post-traumatic stress. Available in iTunes and Google Play. For more information [www.sapr.mil/index.php/safehelpline](http://www.sapr.mil/index.php/safehelpline)

**Check out the Kids Bowl Free Program!** Select bowling centers and schools around the country are participating in the first ever Kids Bowl Free program. This program is designed by bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time this summer. Children whose age does not exceed a limit by a participating bowling center are eligible to register for 2 FREE GAMES A DAY, all summer long, courtesy of the participating bowling centers along with the schools and organizations! For more information visit [www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com)

**Community Resource Guides:** CRGs provide a comprehensive, coordinated community outreach resource that highlights installation, DoD, Army and community-based options for access to health care, awareness activities, and assistance support. These guides coordinate and leverage the strengths of installation and local community support programs and services for both Active and Reserve Component Service Members, Family Members, Civilians, and Retirees. Information often includes health related local services such as alcohol and substance abuse, breastfeeding, dental care, hypertension checks, nutrition education, PTSD, and stress management. In addition, find links to Behavioral Health, Oral Fitness, Active Living, Sleep, and R2C. For more information visit the [US Army Public Health Command](http://US Army Public Health Command) or check out page 1 of the Community Binder to connect to your local CRG!

## Message From The USAOTC G1



Individuals from all walks of life enjoy the pride, excitement, and motivation which accompany the receipt of an award of any nature.

ATEC Regulation 672-20 and AR 672-20, covers all facets of the Army federal civilian employee incentive awards program.

Supervisors hold the "magic wand" to assist in building morale in any organization. Waving the wand to recognize a deserving employee is one of the most rewarding acts a manager can carry in their morale boosting toolkit.

There are three (3) categories of award recognition...monetary, honorary, and time-off awards. Due to sequestration, USAOTC is currently prohibited from issuing discretionary monetary or time-off awards to employees.

Although monetary awards are currently off the table, honorary awards remain as an anchor in building and maintaining a highly motivated and productive organization. If you have an employee whom you would like to recognize for service or achievement that contributed significantly to the accomplishment of the OTC mission, please submit proper documentation IAW ATEC and AR 672-20 to G1.

If you have received an award for previous accomplishments, and the award is not documented in My Biz <https://compo.dcpds.cpms.osd.mil/> please contact G1 for assistance in ensuring your award is properly recorded in your official personnel record. For a list of honorary awards in order of precedence, Ctrl + Click the following link: <http://Cpol.army.mil/library/general/awards/honorary.html>

**F** **Operational Test Command Change of Command Ceremony:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 11:00am at Operational Test Command Headquarters, Building 91012 Station Ave, West Fort Hood Texas.

**O** **USAOTC Family Program's SAVEALOT COUPON CLASS! ALL WELCOME!** Want to learn how to coupon like a pro? Budget cuts getting you down? \$\$ looking tight? Join us on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 12:00pm - 1:00 pm, G1 conference room for a brown bag lunch and learn hour long free COUPON CLASS hosted by savy saver, Savealotmom! No need to compromise or reduce your grocery list! Just bring your lunch and join us for an hour and learn how to SAVE MONEY while buying and HAVE EXTRA CASH in the bank! Seating is limited so please RSVP with the USAOTC Family Program Assistant at [usarmy.hood.atec.mbx.otc-frg@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.atec.mbx.otc-frg@mail.mil). Open to all interested in attending! For more information about the Savealotmom check out her page at [facebook.com/Savealotmom](https://facebook.com/Savealotmom) or [savealotmom1.blogspot.com](http://savealotmom1.blogspot.com)



**R** **Joey & Rory Concert:** April 11, 2013 at 7:00pm. The singer/songwriter country duo from RFD will be at The Vineyard at Florence, 8711 W FM 487 Florence, TX 76527 to perform a live show! \$25 for adults, \$10 for all students. Call 254-793-3363 or visit <http://thevineyardatflorence.com> for more information or to purchase tickets.

**T** **3rd Annual Boot Walk Concert Celebration Featuring Granger Smith:** April 11, Doors open at 7:00pm, music starts at 8:00pm at the Fort Hood Harley Davidson.



**Burnet Bluebonnet Festival:** April 11-14, 2013. The Festival includes Highland Lakes Birding and Wildflower Show, Arts and crafts, Pet Parade, Carnival, Golf Tournament and more! Download the complete schedule of events at <http://bluebonnetfestival.org/schedule-of-events>.



**H** **Free Legal Advice for U.S. Veterans:** April 12, 2013 from 1:00 - 4:00pm at Olin E. Teague VA Medical Center, 1901 Veterans Memorial Drive, Bldg. 171, Temple, TX. All veterans can receive legal advice and counsel; financial guidelines apply for free legal representation. Clinic open to all U.S. veterans and spouses of deceased veterans. For more information call 254-743-7341 or click here: [Legal Advice](#)

**Relationship Enrichment Workshop:** Learn to build a healthier relationship, discover your personality, communications, intimacy, and supporting your spouse. April 17 from 0900-1600 at Oveta Culp Hobby Soldier & Family Readiness Center Bldg 18000, Battalion Avenue, Call 254-618-7827 for more information.

**Fort Hood Education Services College Fair:** April 29, 2013 11am-7pm and April 30, 2013 9am-2pm At the Fort Hood Soldier Development Center Bldg 33009 Fort Hood Education Services. The event is open to all Active Duty Military, Military Family Members, Retirees and Fort Hood Civilians. This is your opportunity to visit College Representatives from around the state and country.



**To view or download a complete listing of events, classes, workshops and more please visit [http://hoodmwr.com/acs/iro\\_csc.html](http://hoodmwr.com/acs/iro_csc.html)**

**Don't forget to "Purple Up! For Military Kids" on April 15th!**

**For a complete listing of MOMC events visit**

**[www.hoodmwr.com/promo\\_events/MonthoftheMilitaryChild/MOMCcatalog.pdf](http://www.hoodmwr.com/promo_events/MonthoftheMilitaryChild/MOMCcatalog.pdf)**

**F** **Starlight Movie Night:** Head to the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club for an evening of family fun and catch Starlight Movie Night from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2013. Bring a blanket, pull up some ground and enjoy a night out with the entire family as you catch the animated favorite How to Train Your Dragon on the big screen, under the stars. Be sure to come hungry – your favorite movie concessions will be available, along with the club’s rotating menu of Friday-night favorites. The Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club is located at 3730 Roy Johnson Lane in northeast El Paso. For more information, visit [blissmwr.com/rodandgun](http://blissmwr.com/rodandgun) or call (915) 565-4867.

**O** **Chili Cook-off and Tradin' Days:** Free! April 20, 2013 8:00am, Lower Valley Coliseum, 894 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, TX. The 30th annual CASI-sanctioned cook-off and Old West Farm/Ranch Tradin' Days and clinic will feature southwest decor, art, collectibles, small/large livestock, home canned/baked goods, tack and show clothes, trailers, produce, eggs and more. Wine tasting begins @ 2:00 p.m.! For more information visit [www.liverystablesaloon.com](http://www.liverystablesaloon.com)

**R** **Dueling Pianos at the Centennial:** Don't miss this high-energy, all-request comedy piano show where the audience is just as much a part of the show as the entertainers. Dueling Pianos is coming to Fort Bliss! It's all happening at 8 p.m. Friday, April 26 at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Tickets cost \$5 each and go on sale Monday, April 1 at the Centennial and online at [ticketbully.com](http://ticketbully.com). Don't miss the sing-along, clap-along, rock'n'roll fun as two master piano players battle it out with musical humor and audience requests. The Centennial Banquet and Conference Center is located at 11199 Sgt. E. Churchill St. on East Fort Bliss. For more information, visit [blissmwr.com/centennial](http://blissmwr.com/centennial) or call (915) 744-1171.



**B** **2013 Let Freedom Sing Summer Concert series Save the date:** May 11, 2013 at 7:00pm. Freedom Crossing presents Jerrod Niemann, our first concert in the 2013 Let Freedom Sing Summer Concert series. Jerrod has had both a number one album and number one single on the country charts, some of his hits include, “Lover, Lover,” “Only God Could Love You More,” “One More Drinking Song” and “Shinin’ On Me”. This FREE concert will be held on the event lawn.

**L** **IN THE MOOD:** April 11, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Abraham Chavez Theatre. In the Mood celebrates America’s Greatest Generation through the music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Erskine Hawkins, The Andrews Sisters, Frank Sinatra and other idols of the 1940s. The show’s music arrangements, costumes and choreography are as authentic as it gets. This brassy, upbeat 1940s musical revue features a company of 19 on stage: the sensational thirteen-piece String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra and the In The Mood Singers and Dancers including some high-flying swing dancers. Tickets on sale NOW! Visit the Plaza Theatre Box Office, [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)

**S** **MWR Open Golf Tournament:** April 26, 2013 at 9am at Underwood Golf Complex. This four-person scramble is hosted by Garrison Command. Entry costs \$40 and includes green fees, cart rental, range balls and lunch. For more information call: 568-1059



**S** **Operation Megaphone Lock-In:** April 26, 2013 from 10pm-6am at the YouthPlex. Fort Bliss joins installations world-wide for this lock-in, featuring free fun and games at Bob-O’s, plus educational and recreational sessions. For more information call: 568-2908

**S** **Family Camping:** April 27, 2013 at White Sands National Monument, N.M. Tickets cost \$10 each or \$35 per family, and include equipment rental and a dinner cookout. Additional entry fees may apply. Advance purchase required. Purchase tickets at the Soldier Activity Center. For more information call: 744-1532

# FORT SILL

## LAWTON\*FORT SILL: UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fort Sill Post Wide Yard Sale:** Permits go on sale April 1st – May 3rd for the Fort Sill Spring Post-Wide Garage Sale, which will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at the 1-78th Field Artillery (BOLC) parking lot located on Crane Road. Purchase your garage sale permits at Adventure Travel, located at Building 4700, Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm. The cost is \$20 each; all sellers must have a permit. For more information contact the Family and MWR Community Recreation Office at (580) 442-2025.



**Fort Sill: Freedom's Thunder Motorcycle Safety Rally,** May 9 at Sheridan Theater/Impact Zone! Check-in time is 8 - 9:30 am and the ride will begin at 10 am. Registration for the event is FREE. The first 200 registrants will receive a goody bag! Be sure to wear your safety gear! Pre-register online at [www.sillmwr.com](http://www.sillmwr.com). Day-of registration will also be available. For more information, call the Installation Safety Office at 442-4215/4466.

**City of Lawton "Trash-Off" Event:** Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the McMahon Auditorium parking lot. Are you tired of seeing trash along your city streets? Do you cringe when you see someone throw litter out a car window onto the highway? Does litter really bug you? If so, this is the event for you! TRASH-OFF is the Department of Transportation's statewide cleanup day. Many groups have expanded TRASH-OFF Day into TRASH-OFF week, or even TRASH-OFF month! Cities often participate by arranging free dump days or curbside pickups. Many groups combine cleanups with other fun events such as picnics, contests or trash parades to encourage participation. View the flyer here: 2013 Trash - Off. All events are coordinated statewide efforts to "KEEP OUR LAND GRAND"! For more information call (580) 581-3467 or email [agriffith@cityof.lawton.ok.us](mailto:agriffith@cityof.lawton.ok.us).

**Beef and Burgundy:** Enjoy beef and burgundy at the Historic Patriot Club on Friday, April 19. Cocktails start at 5 pm and dinner starts at 6pm. The cost is \$25 per person or \$30 with wine. The menu includes: Prime Rib, a baked potato bar, salad bar, freshly baked rolls, dessert bar, coffee station, wine and beverages. There will be a full-service bar available in the Lanyard. Reservations are required by April 12 and can be made by calling (580) 442-5300.

**31st Annual Classic Film Series:** Friday, April 12, 2013 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the CETES Conference Center Room B, Cameron University. Presented by the MAGIC LANTERN FILM SOCIETY of Cameron University. All films are DVD presentations, and are presented free. Each evening will begin with episodes from the 1938 Lone Ranger serial. Donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information visit the web site: [www.cameron.edu/magiclantern](http://www.cameron.edu/magiclantern). The film selected for April 12 is "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn" (US, 1982; 116 min)



**Trykes N Tread 2013 Carshow:** April 20-21, 2013. 10:00 am at the Comanche County Fairgrounds. For more information contact Elaine HilzEmail: [tntcarshow@gmail.com](mailto:tntcarshow@gmail.com) or visit [www.tntcarshow.com](http://www.tntcarshow.com)



**F** **Budget Planning Classes for Army Civilians:** Army Community Service's Financial Readiness Program is opening services to Department of Army civilians for the duration of the upcoming furlough. The next Furlough Budget Planning Class will be held on April 25, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Soldier Support Center. For more information or to register for a class, call 907-3670 or 396-2507.



**O** **Neighborhood Art Attack:** Ready to have some fun? Mark your calendars for the Neighborhood Art Attack scheduled for Saturday, April 20, at Mendoza Park in Spring Lake. This FREE event features musicians, dancers, artist and hands-on activities for the entire family.

**r** **John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum:** Ongoing until April 21, 2013. Tuesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The JFK Special Warfare Museum is the official branch museum for the Army Special Forces, Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs regiments. The JFK Special Warfare Museum's permanent collection features many propaganda posters published during World War II by different organizations such as the Office of War Information. Four major themes are displayed: Support of Allied efforts; Security; Homeland Conservation and Production and War Bonds. This is part of the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County's Anne Frank Exhibits and related programs. These exhibits challenge visitors to engage with current events and to take an active role in their community and government. For more information visit [www.theartscouncil.com](http://www.theartscouncil.com) or call (910) 436-2366

**Spring Concert Series:** Friday April 12, 2013, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Cape Fear Botanical Garden. The family-friendly Friday evening concert series returns to the Garden! Spring Concert Series in the Garden. Enjoy special musical performances from local artists. You will want to grab a blanket or lawn chair and join us! Performing Live: Stanley Baird Group - Jazz Music For more information visit [www.capefearbg.org/event\\_public.php](http://www.capefearbg.org/event_public.php) or call (910) 486-0221.

**B** **Frugal Fridays at Sports USA:** Come enjoy free pool, popcorn and the all-you-can-eat lunch buffet! Every Friday at Sports USA, you can enjoy free pool from 11 am to 4 pm. The lunch buffet is only \$7.95 from 11 am to 1:30 pm. FREE popcorn is available beginning at 2 pm. See you this Friday!

**r** The **Fort Bragg 5K** returns to Hedrick Stadium on Saturday, April 27th. This free, non-competitive event is open to Military and Government ID cardholders with no registration required. Strollers and pets are welcome! Enter to win great prizes! The 5K begins at 9 am. For more information, please call 396-1217.

**a** **Dancing with the Fayetteville Stars:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 7:30pm. is the Center for Economic Empowerment and Development's (CEED) annual fundraiser for the Lease to Home Program. CEED Supporters the "Celebrities," put on their dancing shoes and come from all over the Fayetteville/Cumberland County area to raise funds through sponsorship and votes to assist CEED in its mission to create affordable housing. For more information check out [www.nceed.org/dancing](http://www.nceed.org/dancing) or call (910) 323-3377.



**g** **Ladies Night in Fayetteville "The March":** April 13, 2013 at AIT Festival Hall, 421 Maiden Lane from 6-10:00pm. Join us for an evening of dinner, entertainment, raffles, networking, dancing and celebrating women who are passionate about their careers and life. We will also highlight the OI Foundation partner-The Lion's Heart Network for their dedication to helping women with children with OI disease. We are excited to celebrate women from all walks of life and hear their stories at this event! For more information call (336)937-0189.

Looking for more information or upcoming events? Check out [fortbraggmwr.com](http://fortbraggmwr.com)

**F** **Food Handler's Course:** April 17, 2013 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at Nicholson Hall, room 210, Irwin Road. The Food Handler's Course is required for those who will be assisting in any food preparations or sales during a food fundraiser on Fort Huachuca. This certification is offered through RWB Medical Center's Preventive Medicine. Please RSVP to [joan.pirosorschel.civ@mail.mil](mailto:joan.pirosorschel.civ@mail.mil) or 520-533-8664 by COB 15 April 2013 to reserve your seat. **Seats are limited!** Feel free to bring your lunch.



**O** **Military Child Celebration Set for April 13, 2013:** Everyone is invited to celebrate the "Month of the Military Child," Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. There will be activities for the entire family, including games, jumping castles, paintball, giveaways, information booths, free lunch, popcorn, Barney's Backyard Barnyard Petting Zoo, and more. For more information, call 533-0710 or 533-0874.

**T** **SAVE WITH ADVANCE CARNIVAL TICKETS:** The 2013 Festival of the Southwest will be held April 19 - 21 at Veterans' Memorial Park, Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. The festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge. There will be attractions for the entire family including the City of Fun Carnival, with rides for all ages. Advance carnival tickets are on sale now at Murr Community Center, Fort Huachuca, Buffalo Wild Wings, Sierra Vista and Sierra Vista Ace Hardware at the price of \$9 for 10 tickets. During the carnival, the cost will be \$12 for 10 tickets. Wrist bands are also available at all locations, for the price of \$22 per day. Wrist bands will cost \$25 during the carnival. For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

**H** **DON'T MISS 'BIKE NIGHT' AT RAN:** The next Right Arm Night is set for April 26 starting at 4 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. The theme of this RAN is "bike night," and will feature motorcycle displays and contests. Everyone is invited to bring their bikes and compete for some great prizes. Free finger foods and a pay-as-you-go beer bar will also be available. As always, RAN is free and open to everyone, including Soldiers, Civilians, Retirees and Family Members age 18 and older. For more information, call 533-5642 or 678-4446.

**C** **Walt Disney Railroad Story:** On Saturday April 13th the Mini Time Machine museum of Miniatures presents a history of America's Railroads. The presentation will be given by a Disney historian. There will be 2 sessions one at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Reservations are required. Seating is limited to 100 seats in each session. Reservations do not include gallery access to The Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures. Attendees wishing to view the museum may purchase museum admission at the discounted rate of \$5 per person. For more information or reservations log on to [www.theminitimemachine.org/waltdisneyrailroadstory](http://www.theminitimemachine.org/waltdisneyrailroadstory) or call 520-881-0606 The museum is located at 4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive, Tucson, AZ 85712.



**C** **Youth Sponsorship Program:** For military kids, moving to a new installation can be stressful, as they leave behind friends and familiar places. In order to help ease this transition, installations are required to offer a Youth Sponsorship Program - a program designed to help military children integrate into their new community. The Youth Sponsorship Program, which pairs military children new to an installation with a child of a similar age - a "sponsor" - who is familiar with the installation and community. The program is aimed at school age children, pre-teens and teens. For more information on the Youth Sponsorship Program please contact the School Liaison Officer (SLO) at 533-0874.

# USAOTC FAMILY PROGRAM'S CHILDREN'S SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 13, 2013 10: 30 am OTC HQ, Bldg. 91012 Station Ave

Disney Pixar Themed Event! Children encouraged to attend dressed as their favorite Walt Disney or Disney Pixar character.

RSVP with your Directorate  
POC with the following  
information NLT March 26:

\*number of adults and children attending

\* Child(ren)'s Age and Gender

Questions? Want to Volunteer?

Contact the Family Program Assistant

[usarmy.hood.atec.mbx.otc-frg@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.atec.mbx.otc-frg@mail.mil)

EVERYONE  
WELCOME

## Festival Includes:

Games

Photos

Prizes & Giveaways

Events

Light Refreshment

Children's Egg Hunt

A special ADULT ONLY Egg Hunt

This event will be held  
outdoors so please plan  
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We suggest you bring  
sunscreen, lawn chairs, and  
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additional sun shading  
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Questions or Concerns? Need Help?

Looking for resources?

Scan the QR code to connect to the  
USAOTC Family Program Assistant!

